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Traffic deaths increase by 16%

State's numbers on track to set record, and one reason is that speeding has risen amid pandemic

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

Traffic-related deaths in Connecticut are up 16% from 2020 and are on track to reach record

levels by the end of the year, data from the state Department of Transportation shows. As of Nov. 3, Connecticut had experienced 283 traffic deaths this year, up from 245 through

the same date in 2020 and up from 207 through the same date in 2019. If Connecticut's rate of traffic deaths continues or worsens, the state will record its highest annual total since at least 1994, as far back as data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System goes. The state record for traffic deaths in a single year is 317, set in 2000.

Eric Jackson, executive director of the Connecticut Transportation Institute, said the recent uptick in traffic deaths likely owes to a variety of factors, beginning with an increase in speeding during the COVID-19 pandemic. Speeds increased last spring when fewer cars were on the road due to the pandemic and haven't fully come

back down, Jackson said. "There are people traveling a lot faster than they used to, and obviously with higher speeds you're going to get higher injuries and higher fatalities," he said. "I'm doing 70 on the interstate, 75 at times, and there are people flying

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Fans in the student section at Gampel Pavilion cheer during the introduction of UConn players at Tuesday's men's basketball opener. **MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

CAPITOL RIOT House subpoenas 10 aides of Trump

Panel says it wants to investigate Jan. 6 attack and its origins

By Mary Clare Jalonick,
Eric Tucker and Jill Colvin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House investigators issued subpoenas Tuesday to 10 former officials who worked for Donald Trump at the end of his presidency, an effort to find out more about what the president was doing and saying as his supporters violently stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 in a bid to overturn his defeat. The subpoenas, including demands for documents and testimony from former senior adviser Stephen Miller and former press secretary Kayleigh McEnany, bring the House panel tasked with investigating the insurrection even closer inside Trump's inner circle — and closer to Trump himself. They come a day after the committee subpoenaed six other associates of the former president who spread mistruths about widespread fraud in the election and strategized about how to thwart President Joe Biden's victory. "The Select Committee wants to learn every detail of what went on in the White House on January 6th and in the days beforehand," said Mississippi Rep. Bennie Thompson, the Democratic chairman of the panel. "We need to know precisely what role the former president and his aides played in efforts to stop the counting of the electoral votes and if they were in touch with anyone outside the White House attempting to overturn the outcome of the election." It is so far unclear if the

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'WE'RE HARDCORE'

UConn fans rejoice ahead of return to a packed Gampel

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

STORRS — By 5 p.m., the line of UConn students waiting for the doors of Gampel Pavilion to open ahead of Tuesday night's men's basketball season opener stretched over a block down Hillside Road. One student approaching the end of the line, upon seeing its length, yelled out in horror to her friend over the phone. That wasn't a problem for Matt Goephert, from Seaford, New York, who convinced his friends to set up shop outside Gampel over three hours before tipoff. The eagerness can be forgiven: Gampel hadn't allowed a full crowd since March 2020, and fans were ready to be back.

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Fans line up as they wait for the gates to open for the UConn men's basketball opener against Central Connecticut on Tuesday night.

Inside: UConn beat overmatched Central Connecticut State 99-48 before 10,148 at a sold-out Gampel Pavilion on Tuesday night, doing most, if not all of the things head coach Dan Hurley called for during the offseason and in the week leading up to the game. **SPORTS**

With gasoline prices rising, senators propose tapping reserves

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — With gasoline prices suddenly spiking to their highest levels nationally in seven years, experts warn prices could get up to \$5 a gallon and Connecticut officials are urging the president to take action.

Gas prices have risen sharply over the past few weeks. The average price in Connecticut reached \$3.54 per gallon Tuesday — up by 25 cents in the past month and by \$1.41 over the same day last year, according to the latest AAA statistics. But Michael J. Fox, executive director of the association that

represents 375 Connecticut gasoline retailers, said he fears that the situation will get worse before it gets better.

Supply and demand "We may — and I hate to say this — get into the \$4, \$4.50, and that nasty \$5 per gallon range," Fox said

in a telephone interview. "We are dependent on foreign crude oil. It's more expensive to bring it in by barge. We've gone from total energy independence — producing more crude oil here in the United States than we were using. We had cheap product, and the result was cheap gas." Fox and others pointed to the

shutdown of the Keystone XL pipeline that came when President Joe Biden signed an executive order revoking the permit. Plans for the continued construction of the pipeline were soon dropped. "I'm not Republican or Democrat," Fox said. "The Keystone XL

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Juhász a big addition for Huskies

Dorka Juhász, a 6-foot-5 transfer from Ohio State, brings an inside-outside presence to a UConn women's basketball program that hasn't had that versatility in years. **SPORTS, PAGE 1**

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by me doing 90.”

Jackson said he suspects broader anger and frustration could also be playing a role.

“People are just stressed out,” he said. “Whether it’s road rage, or that people are stressed out so they’re driving a lot faster and they’re not paying attention as much as they used to, the cognitive workload may be

a lot heavier.”

Connecticut isn’t alone in trending toward more traffic deaths. According to a recent report from the U.S. Department of Transportation, motor vehicle fatalities were up 18.4% during the first half of 2021, including up 11% in the New England region.

In a statement accompanying the release of that data, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg described the rise in traffic deaths as “a crisis.”

“More than 20,000 people died on U.S. roads in the first six months of 2021, leaving countless loved ones behind,” Buttigieg said.

“We cannot and should not accept these fatalities as simply a part of everyday life in America.”

Tracy Noble, a spokesperson for AAA in Greater Hartford, urged Connecticut motorists to focus on the road and drive carefully.

“It’s driver behavior that’s causing the most

damage on our roadways,” Noble said. “That is distractions, motorists driving while under the influence, drowsy driving, and then speeding as well.”

In the past, Jackson said, the typical response to an uptick in traffic deaths has been to increase police stops. That strategy, however, has been complicated by growing awareness of how often those stops themselves can become violent or deadly.

“The last thing we want

to do is recommend [police] go and pull more people over,” Jackson said. “You’re kind of stuck.”

Maly Rosado, president of Hartford’s city council, announced Monday she has introduced a resolution to permit a red-light camera pilot program in the city, in hopes of decreasing accidents without creating unnecessary contact between residents and police. The program would send “notices of violation,” not tickets, to drivers who

commit traffic offenses, with no fines imposed during the pilot period.

“Red light cameras do not discriminate based on race or income,” Rosado said in a statement. “Nationally, they reduce fatal interactions with law enforcement. More importantly they decrease intersection collisions and unnecessary loss of life.”

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Jan. 6 panel will subpoena Trump, though the committee’s leaders have said they haven’t ruled anything out. The panel has now issued more than 30 subpoenas, including to White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, longtime ally Steve Bannon and others who were close to the former president.

The House later voted to hold Bannon in contempt after he said he would not comply, and the Justice Department is still deciding whether to prosecute the case. Meadows and others have “engaged” with the committee, according to lawmakers, but may still be held in contempt if they do not fully comply.

The panel has already interviewed more than 150 witnesses, and lawmakers have said they want to not only probe the attack itself but its origins — namely the lies that Trump spread about massive voter fraud even though all 50 states had certified Biden’s win and courts across the country rejected his claims. The violent mob of Trump’s supporters echoed those false claims as they pushed past police, broke through windows and doors and threatened lawmakers who were certifying the election that day.

Trump continued to push the false narrative in



A House panel investigating the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol issued 10 more subpoenas Tuesday, including to Stephen Miller and Kayleigh McEnany. **ANDREW HARNIK/AP 2020**

a statement responding to the subpoenas, saying the committee “is studying the PROTEST when it should be studying the Fraudulent Election that led to the protest.”

The 10 former officials who were subpoenaed Tuesday either could not be reached or did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The panel said Tuesday that it had issued subpoenas for Miller, who Thompson said had “participated in efforts to spread false information about alleged voter fraud” and McEnany, who the committee said was

present at times with Trump as he watched the insurrection and spoke at a rally that morning.

The panel is also demanding documents and testimony from Keith Kellogg, former Vice President Mike Pence’s national security adviser, writing in the subpoena that it wants to hear from him because “you were with President Trump as the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol unfolded and have direct information about the former president’s statements about, and reactions to, the Capitol insurrection.” His subpoena says that according to several

accounts, Kellogg urged Trump to send out a tweet aimed at helping to control the crowd.

Other former Trump White House aides subpoenaed Tuesday include personal assistant Nicholas Luna, who the panel said may have witnessed a phone call from Trump to Pence pressuring him not to certify Biden’s win; special assistant Molly Michael, who the committee said sent information about election fraud to “various individuals at the direction of President Trump”; deputy assistant Ben Williamson, a senior adviser to Meadows;

deputy chief of staff Christopher Liddell, who was in the White House on Jan. 6 and considered resigning, according to reports; and personnel director John McEntee and special assistant Cassidy Hutchinson, who the committee said were also in the White House that day and at the rally.

The panel also subpoenaed Justice Department official Kenneth Klukowski, who Thompson said communicated with former senior Justice Department official Jeffrey Clark about a letter Clark sent to Georgia election officials urging

them to delay certification of the voting results in that state because of purported fraud.

The letter said Clark and Klukowski spoke before a Jan. 3 meeting at the White House in which Trump contemplated replacing acting attorney general Jeffrey Rosen with Clark. Rosen and other leaders at the department had pushed back on the false fraud claims.

The committee has also subpoenaed Clark, who appeared for a deposition last week but declined to testify, partly based on Trump’s claims that documents the committee is trying to obtain from the National Archives are privileged. Trump has sued to shield the documents from the panel but Biden has so far said he will allow the release of most of them.

On Monday, the panel issued subpoenas to Bill Stepien, manager of Trump’s 2020 reelection campaign; Jason Miller, a senior adviser to the campaign; Angela McCalum, national executive assistant to the campaign; John Eastman, a lawyer who advised the former president; Michael Flynn, a former national security adviser to Trump who talked with Trump ahead of the insurrection; and Bernard Kerik, who the committee says paid for hotel rooms that served as command centers ahead of Jan. 6.

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Schools take lead vaccination role

Many prepare to offer shots to help keep kids in class

By Pat Eaton-Robb
Associated Press

With the approval of the COVID-19 vaccine for younger children, many elementary schools around the U.S. are preparing to offer the shots, which educators see as key to keeping students learning in person and making the classroom experience closer to what it once was.

Some district leaders say offering vaccine clinics on campus, with the involvement of trusted school staff, is key to improving access and helping overcome hesitancy — particularly in communities with low overall vaccination rates.

Still, many school systems are choosing not to offer elementary schools as hosts for vaccination sites after some middle and high schools that offered shots received pushback.

More than 250 families signed up for vaccinations that began Thursday at elementary schools in Duluth, Minnesota, which organized clinics immediately after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention gave the final signoff to Pfizer's kid-size COVID-19 shot for children ages 5 to 11. Superintendent John Magas called the vaccines a "game changer."

"This brings us one step closer to moving from pandemic to endemic," Magas said. "It allows us to reconsider things like social distancing and masking and things like that as safety permits."

The Biden administration plans to send a letter to U.S. elementary schools in the next week asking them to host clinics. The Education Department is also urging schools to host town halls and webinars at which parents



Children walk near a mobile vaccine unit after getting their first doses Friday outside P.S. 277 in the Bronx borough of New York City. **EDUARDO MUNOZ ALVAREZ/AP**

can talk to doctors about the vaccine.

Districts that have held or are planning clinics for younger children span Alaska to Vermont, said Hayley Meadvin, an Education Department senior adviser. Families also can turn to doctor's offices, hospitals and other sites.

In Ohio, some school districts offered on-site clinics for older students, but Rick Lewis, director of the Ohio School Boards Association, said they haven't heard from any districts planning them for younger students. He noted the CDC encourages districts to consider factors like local needs for school clinics and adequate community support.

School vaccine drives have faced pushback and protests in Ohio and elsewhere, and some opponents say they

plan to keep up pressure as the focus of the vaccination effort shifts to younger students.

Sarah Kenney, who represents the group Mainers for Health and Parental Rights, argues that schools should not be getting involved or even talking to young children about the vaccine. She worries about its newness and potential for long-term side effects.

A Pfizer study of 2,268 children found the vaccine was almost 91% effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19 infections. The FDA examined 3,100 vaccinated kids in concluding the shots are safe.

Kenney also expressed concern about stigma against children who do not get vaccinated.

"These conversations and personal decisions have been

difficult enough to navigate for adults, we shouldn't be putting this on our kids," she said.

Parents are required to give authorization for their children's shots. The vaccines are typically administered before or after school in partnerships with local hospitals and government health officials.

Chicago Public Schools, the country's third-largest district, canceled school Nov. 12 to give parents an opportunity to get their children vaccinated by a health care provider or at a school-based site.

In Portland, Oregon, vaccines will be offered in eight elementary schools starting next week in high poverty districts, where families are more likely to face barriers such as access to health care or transporta-

tion, Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero said.

On the heels of California's decision to make vaccines for children mandatory, Portland is among districts considering the same. A recent board of education meeting to discuss that possibility was disrupted by a group of protesters. For that reason, security will be present at the vaccine clinics, and their times and dates won't be publicized outside the local community, said Courtney Westling, the district's director of government relations.

"Schools are a trusted community hub," she said. "Families, in general, feel very safe at these school sites. We're also not asking for identification or insurance cards. We don't want people to fear ICE showing up or something. We are just trying to get people vacci-

nated so we can get some of this behind us and get back to some semblance of normalcy."

In Hartford, Connecticut, schools superintendent Leslie Torres-Rodriguez said the vaccination clinics it is planning along with local hospitals will include school nurses, trusted by families. Only a third of the district's students 12 and older are vaccinated.

Sam Valle, a 9-year-old in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, said he's been bugging his parents for months, asking when he can get the vaccine.

"Right now, I can't go into a restaurant without it," he said. "I can't go into a store without wearing a mask. I can't do a lot of things."

Sam's quest will soon be over. His mother says his shot is scheduled for Wednesday.

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pipeline being shut down — that would have provided crude oil from Canada directly to the refineries in Texas — is the dumbest thing I've ever seen a president do, and there's a lot of dumb things done."

Christian Herb, who represents gasoline distributors who own and deliver to 1,000 stations in Connecticut, does not see any immediate reason for optimism.

"It's always hard to predict future prices, but there is no relief in sight in the short term," Herb said in an interview. "People who are going to be driving for Thanksgiving are not going to see drops in prices. They just didn't think the country could rebound from COVID this fast, and it did. The demand for gasoline is surging at a faster rate than suppliers can meet that demand."

When prices were low, few consumers were talking about the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which is now 60 years old and had huge power decades ago.

"We are relying on OPEC plus Russia," Herb said. "OPEC is unwilling to open up the spigot because they are making a lot of money on the backs of people in Connecticut [and other states] ... This is an extremely profitable time for them."

Senators call for action

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal and 10 other Democratic senators who are supporters of Biden sent the president a letter this week that called for action.

Blumenthal and his colleagues are even talking about considering releasing oil from the nation's strategic petroleum reserve — a move that has been done only rarely by both Republican and Democratic presidents.

"We've urged it before," Blumenthal said in an interview. "It should be used carefully and sparingly, but we should be preventing an

emergency before it occurs."

While rare, the release from the strategic reserve is usually done after major events like a hurricane or international incident.

During the first Gulf War in 1991, President George H. W. Bush released 17 million barrels. His son, President George W. Bush, took action in 2005 after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina by releasing 11 million barrels.

Bush's successor, Barack Obama, responded to supply problems from oil-rich Libya in 2011 by releasing 30 million barrels.

The oil is eventually restored to the reserves after the immediate crisis subsides.

"We need to take action to reduce gas prices," Blumenthal said Tuesday. "What we're facing now is hopelessly a temporary, inflationary blip, but there's the danger it could be longer and bigger, and that's what we need to try to prevent."

But both Fox and Herb are opposed to using the strategic reserve at this point.

"The strategic reserve should be reserved for emergencies," Herb said. "It should not be used as a price tool. It's a one-time. It's like taking money out of your savings account. What happens in a real emergency when you have supply issues?"

An economic threat?

The problem, Blumenthal said, is that gasoline prices have a direct impact on the economy, affecting drivers of all ages and income levels.

"Everybody pays it," Blumenthal said. "It affects everyone, regardless of their income. It has a very regressive effect. It impacts moderate and lower-income people more than higher income because it's a bigger portion of their daily expense and daily income."

The Democratic senators agree with Biden on many political issues and have been strong supporters of his presidency.

"We agree with your recent comments at the United Nations Climate Change Conference that

as the United States works to boost the development of clean and renewable energy over the long-term, we must ensure that Americans are able to afford to fill up their cars at the pump in the meantime," the senators wrote in their letter.

"We share the administration's concerns that the decision by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and others to purposefully manipulate gas prices by constraining supply, as well as the choice of domestic leaseholders and producers to continue to export U.S. petroleum, threaten to send already record prices even higher," the senators wrote. "Continued U.S. exports and overseas supply collusion could be devastating to many in our states, contributing to higher bills for American families and businesses."

Tracy E. Noble, a spokeswoman for AAA, said that predictions can be difficult with the volatility of the energy markets. But she was not optimistic in the short term.

"It's hard to say where things are going to be a month from now," Noble said. "One of the things is this is typically the time of year when fuel prices decline because there is less demand as we come off the summer driving season. However, we didn't see that decline happen post-Labor Day this year. The Thanksgiving holiday is a drive holiday."

Connecticut prices, she said, are 13 cents higher than the national average, but below the highest levels of \$4.62 per gallon in California and \$4.34 per gallon in Hawaii. At the low end, the average prices Tuesday were \$3.07 per gallon in Texas and \$3.03 per gallon in Oklahoma.

"The biggest driver right now is the price of crude oil at over \$80 per barrel," Noble said. "That compares to last year when we were seeing crude oil prices at \$37 per barrel at this time of year."

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Fans in the UConn student section feign disinterest during the introduction of players from visiting Central Connecticut State University before the Huskies' men's basketball opener Tuesday. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

UConn

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"I think [the atmosphere] is going to be off the wall," Geophert said.

Geophert shook his head with a big laugh, admitting to how nobody else arrived as early as his group. They left for a quick bite at the student union before getting back in line. He still expected to be the first one to scan his ticket after bursting through the gates as soon as they opened.

"I think it's going to be absolutely crazy all year," added Ryan Grossman, an upperclassman like Geophert. "People have been waiting so long there's lots of pent-up energy."

Grossman said he was most excited about seeing the team compete "at a high level" again in the Big East Conference, which UConn officially rejoined in July 2020.

Tyler Altieri, 26, was another one of the early arrivals. For him, Tuesday night was a family affair: Andre Jackson, Altieri's half-brother, is on the team and in line for major minutes.

Altieri, who made the roughly 2 ½-hour drive from Amsterdam, New York, said he hadn't seen

Jackson play in front of a full crowd since his brother was in high school.

As Jackson's barber, Altieri is also responsible for the 6-foot-6 forward's distinctive hairstyle, which UConn fans have grown accustomed to seeing rise above the rim. Altieri added that he cut Jackson's hair Monday, putting the final touch on preseason preparations.

"I can't wait to see what happens," Altieri said before the game. "They said there's going to be 10,000 people. ... I just can't wait to see what happens."

Tuesday also had family ties for Trudianne Formica, whose son, a graduate student studying sports medicine, works as a manager for the team.

"I'm so excited that the crowd is back," Formica said, remembering the cardboard cutouts that were her inanimate seat neighbors last season.

"I was here for First Night, and it was filled with students, lots of excitement in the air, and I'm sure it'll be the same tonight."

Deborah and Marc Mellady, from Columbia, had fortune to thank for their attendance. Marc splits four season tickets with three friends; at the beginning of each season,

they draw out of a hat to determine which games they want. Marc drew the first selection, choosing the season opener.

The couple brought their two young grandkids, both burgeoning UConn hoops fans. Talan, their grandson, said he expected a big game from freshman forward Samson Johnson.

"It'll be loud tonight," Marc said. "Almost 20 months [since UConn played before a full home crowd], right?"

Even for seasoned veterans like Diane and Richard Fidler of West Haven, Tuesday represented the return of something special. They've been season ticket holders since 1984, and both arrived ready with their 20-year-old vintage jackets bearing the team's old, friendlier husky logo.

The Fidlers didn't attend UConn, but as "fans of top-notch basketball," Richard said, they couldn't help but fall in love.

"We're hardcore," he said.

They said they're most looking forward to seeing Tom Emery again, better known to UConn fans as "Big Red," and the return of his iconic U-C-O-N-N chant. And after months in waiting, they expected the cheer to be deafening.

Leaps urged at UN climate summit

Small steps seen called not enough to limit warming

By Seth Borenstein, Aniruddha Ghosal and Frank Jordans
Associated Press

GLASGOW, Scotland — The U.N. climate summit in Glasgow has made “some serious toddler steps” toward cutting emissions but far from the giant leaps needed to limit global warming to internationally accepted goals, two new analyses and top officials said Tuesday.

And time is running out on the two weeks of negotiations.

The president of the climate talks, Alok Sharma, told high-level government ministers at the U.N. conference to reach out to their capitals and bosses soon to see if they can get more ambitious pledges because “we have only a few days left.”

The Democratic congressional delegation that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has led to the talks carried a message from Washington to press the Biden administration’s message: America is back on the global climate stage.

Pelosi noted that moves by the Biden administration to cut U.S. emissions of methane a potent agent of climate damage that leaks from natural gas facilities, oilfields, farms and landfills has helped spur more than 100 nations to join a nonbinding methane pledge.

But one member of the delegation, Congress’s most prominent climate activist, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York,



Activists protest Tuesday in Cape Town, South Africa, to coincide with the summit in Scotland. **NARDUS ENGELBRECHT/AP**

added a caveat Tuesday: The U.S. still has to back up its words with action.

“We have to actually deliver the action to get the respect for it internationally, to get the credit,” Ocasio-Cortez told reporters Tuesday at a panel on the summit with other young Democrats who swept into Congress in 2018 on platforms emphasizing far bigger U.S. efforts on climate. Ocasio-Cortez was answering a question about whether the United States had regained its standing globally in the fight against climate change.

This month’s summit has seen such limited progress that a United Nations Envi-

ronment Program analysis of new pledges found they weren’t enough to improve future warming scenarios. All they did was trim the “emissions gap” — how much carbon pollution can be spewed without hitting dangerous warming levels—a few tenths of a percentage point, according to the review released Tuesday.

The analysis found that by 2030, the world will be emitting 51.5 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide each year, 1.5 billion tons less than before the latest pledges. To achieve the limit first set in the 2015 Paris climate accord, which came out of a similar summit, the world can only emit 12.5 billion

metric tons of greenhouse gases in 2030.

A separate analysis by independent scientists found a slight decrease in future warming, but one still insufficient to limit the warming of the planet to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) by the end of the century. The planet has already warmed 1.1 degrees (2 degrees Fahrenheit) since pre-industrial times.

“There’s some serious toddler steps,” United Nations Environment Programme Director Inger Andersen said in an interview with The Associated Press a few minutes after the U.N. analysis was finished. “But they are not the leaps

we need to see, by any stretch of the imagination.”

In Glasgow, officials touted advances, but not necessarily success.

“We are making progress,” Sharma said, “but we still have a mountain to climb over the next few days, and what has been collectively committed to goes some way, but certainly not all the way, to keeping 1.5 within reach.”

Andersen acknowledged that none of the three main U.N. criteria for success for the two-week climate talks has been achieved so far. They are cutting greenhouse gas emissions by about half by 2030; securing \$100 billion a year in

aid from rich countries to poor nations; and having half of that money be for developing nations to adapt to global warming’s worst harms.

The second analysis by Climate Action Tracker, which for years has monitored nations’ emission-cutting pledges, said based on those submitted targets the world is now on track to warm 2.4 degrees Celsius (4.3 degrees Fahrenheit) since pre-industrial times by the end of this century.

Given what’s been pledged “we are likely to be in that area 2.4 degrees, which is still catastrophic climate change and far, far away from the goals of the Paris Agreement,” said climate scientist Niklas Hohne of the New Climate Institute and the Climate Action Tracker.

Hohne’s group, independent of the U.N., also looked at how much warming there would be if other less firm national promises were put into effect. If all the submitted national targets and other promises that have a bit of the force of law are included, future warming drops down to 2.1 degrees.

And in the “optimistic scenario” if all the net-zero pledges for midcentury are taken into account, warming would be 1.8 degrees, Hohne said. That’s the same figure as the International Energy Agency came up with for that optimistic scenario.

Andersen said success is about her great-grandchildren living in a world with warming kept to the level outlined in the Paris accord and that “the kids on the street” protesting in Glasgow help the United Nations in pushing negotiators to do more.

Rapper’s past could be issue in concert lawsuits

Experts say litigation to focus on the firms behind show, Scott

By Bernard Condon
Associated Press

Lawsuits are piling up less than a week after the deadly crowd crush at the Astroworld concert, and legal experts say it’s not looking good for rapper Travis Scott and the companies behind the tragic event in Houston.

Several legal experts said that Scott’s past incitement of concertgoers offers a history that could make it easier to pursue negligence claims against companies that planned and managed the show, which killed eight people and left hundreds injured. And although the investigations have just begun, experts expect dozens more lawsuits seeking damages that could climb into hundreds of millions of dollars.

At the center of the legal maelstrom is Scott, a 30-year-old rapper famous for whipping fans into a frenzy who has pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges tied to stirring up crowds at previous concerts. “This tragedy was months, if not years, in the

making,” wrote Houston lawyer Steve Kherkher in a lawsuit demanding more than \$1 million for a man trampled in the melee, which he said was “predictable and preventable” given the rapper’s history.

More than a dozen lawsuits have been filed so far against Scott and several companies, including entertainment giant Live Nation, concert promoter Score-More, a nonprofit managing the Houston-owned venue. The complaints allege that organizers failed to take simple crowd-control steps, to staff properly and to act on early signs of trouble at the concert at NRG Park that attracted 50,000 fans.

“The way the concert was set up, planned, organized, and the way things were handled once there was a problem, it boggles the mind,” lawyer Tony Buzbee said this week in announcing that he was suing on behalf of three dozen victims, including Axel Avila Acosta, 21, who died.

Buzbee’s news conference played directly to the court of public opinion, with the tone of an opening statement complete with slides and video clips.

He and other attorneys have seized on an early clue of trouble that came hours

before the concert began when throngs of fans rushed past security and metal detectors through a fence.

“Whatever security they had was wholly insufficient,” said former federal prosecutor Philip Hilder, a Houston lawyer not involved in any Astroworld case. “The crowd went right through.”

Hilder also criticized the event’s 56-page planning document, which was submitted to the city for approval. He said the plans were “boilerplate,” with too few details about the safety of the parking lot where the performance was held, which had no seating or aisles and no pens to contain crowds.

The document mentions the possibility of tornadoes, bomb threats, active shooters, civil disobedience and riots but makes no mention of a possible crowd surge.

Several lawyers say litigation is also likely to focus on a delay between the time city officials declared a “mass casualty event” and when the concert organizers finally stopped the show, a 37-minute gap during which fans kept pushing toward the stage, collapsing and getting crushed.

“The band kept going on and on long after the problem existed,” said Frank



Travis Scott performs at the festival Friday at NRG Park in Houston. **AMY HARRIS/INVISION**

Branson, a personal injury lawyer in Dallas. “It’s hard to believe that wasn’t a conscious disregard to the audience, to safety and welfare.”

In an Instagram post Saturday, Scott said he was “devastated” by the deaths and suggested he was unaware of the carnage below him.

“Anytime I can make out what’s going on, I stop the show and help them get the help they need,” he said.

Representatives of Scott did not respond to an email seeking comment Tuesday.

Scott is known for encouraging fans to ignore security and crowd surf and stage dive in the mosh pit below him. A commercial for this year’s Astroworld event, since removed from YouTube, shows fans breaking through barricades and storming the concert grounds at the 2019 event.

In 2015, Chicago officials said Scott encouraged fans at the Lollapalooza music festival to vault barricades. The rapper was sentenced to one year of court supervision after pleading guilty to reckless conduct charges.

In 2017, Scott was arrested after he encouraged fans to bypass security and rush the stage during a concert in Arkansas, leaving a security guard, a police officer and several others injured. He pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and paid a fine.

Dallas lawyer Ellen Presby said Scott’s past will help make a case against him, but his likely defense will be to argue that he is just a performer who leaves the security details to other people, which will make it more difficult to attach blame.



A COVID-19 vaccine is prepared. **ALISHA JUCEVIC/ THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Pfizer asks FDA to allow COVID-19 boosters for all adults

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

Pfizer asked U.S. regulators Tuesday to allow boosters of its COVID-19 vaccine for anyone 18 or older, a step that comes amid concern about increased spread of the coronavirus with holiday travel and gatherings.

Older Americans and other groups particularly vulnerable to the virus have had access to a third dose of the Pfizer and BioNTech vaccine since Septem-

ber. But the Food and Drug Administration has said it would move quickly to expand boosters to younger ages if warranted.

Pfizer is submitting early results of a booster study in 10,000 people to make its case that it’s time to further expand the booster campaign.

While all three vaccines used in the U.S. continue to offer strong protection against severe COVID-19 illness and death, the shots’ effectiveness against milder

infection can wane over time.

Pfizer’s new study concluded a booster could restore protection against symptomatic infection to nearly 96%, even as the extra-contagious delta variant was surging. Side effects were similar to those seen with the company’s first two shots.

A median of 11 months after their last Pfizer vaccination, trial participants were given either a third dose or a dummy shot.

Researchers tracked any infections that occurred at least a week later, and so far have counted five cases of symptomatic COVID-19 among booster recipients compared to 109 cases among people who got dummy shots.

The Biden administration had originally envisioned boosters for all adults, but faced a setback in September when the FDA’s scientific advisers rejected extra Pfizer doses for everyone. The panel wasn’t convinced

that young healthy people needed another dose.

Still, under today’s policies about 2 of every 3 vaccinated adults is expected to qualify within the next few months — and many who don’t can score an extra shot because most vaccine providers don’t check qualifications.

If the FDA authorizes Pfizer boosters for all adults, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention then will make recommendations for how to use them.



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NEWS BRIEFING

Biden to continue FEMA virus aid for states until April 1

From news services

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden is extending the federal government's 100% reimbursement of COVID-19 emergency response costs to states, tribes and territories through April 1, 2022, the White House announced Tuesday.

On a conference call Tuesday morning, White House COVID-19 coordinator Jeff Zients informed governors that Biden is approving the extension of Federal Emergency Management Agency support to help continue FEMA-backed efforts like vaccination clinics and public education campaigns surrounding the shots.

The extension also continues 100% federal reimbursement for National Guard personnel deployed to help combat the virus, including those tasked with assisting local hospitals treating coronavirus cases.

The extension into early 2022 is an indication that after premature declarations of victory over the pandemic in July, the Biden administration is preparing for continued COVID-19 disruptions well into next year.

A White House official detailed the announcement to The Associated Press on Tuesday in conjunction with the private call to governors.

"This is an extension of the order the president signed on his second day in office and will ensure you continue to have the resources you need to get shots in arms and fight the virus," Zients told the governors, according to the official.

On his second day in office Biden signed an order directing FEMA to cover 100% of state emergency costs related to the virus through September 2021. In August, as the more transmissible delta variant of the virus caused a spike

in cases, Biden extended the coverage through the end of the year.

Over the summer, governors complained that Biden waited until mid-August to approve the first extension. The White House hopes the seven-week notice that federal support will continue will provide states with more flexibility in using FEMA resources and the National Guard to support vaccinations, particularly now that more than 100 million Americans are eligible for booster doses and 28 million 5-11 year-olds are newly approved for shots.

Singapore vaccines: Singapore will no longer cover the medical costs of COVID-19 patients who are eligible to get vaccinated against the virus but choose not to, the country's Health Ministry says.

"We will begin charging COVID-19 patients who are unvaccinated by choice," starting Dec. 8, the ministry said in a statement Monday. Those who are not eligible for the shots will be exempt from the rule, it said, including children younger than 12 and people with certain medical conditions.

The announcement came as the number of severe cases, which have been mainly among unvaccinated people, has stabilized but remains high, the ministry said. Of about 280 intensive-care beds for COVID patients, 134 are occupied, and most are among those not vaccinated, a senior minister of state, Janil Puthucherry, said at a news conference.

New Hampshire governor race: New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu said Tuesday that he would seek a fourth term instead of running for Senate, dealing a major blow to Republicans who had



A passer-by looks at a life-sized knitted soldier on Tuesday that has been placed at the War Memorial Clock Tower by an anonymous knitter, known only as Knitting Banksy, ahead of Remembrance Day in Leicester, England. MIKE EGERTON/PA

hoped he could defeat Democratic incumbent Maggie Hassan and help them retake the chamber in next year's midterm elections.

Sununu, who won reelection last year by more than 30 percentage points, said he could have a bigger and more direct impact as governor than as a senator. In a nod to the slow speed of politics in Washington, he said he didn't want to spend the next six years "sitting around having meeting after meeting, waiting for votes to maybe happen."

Sununu's decision to seek a fourth two-year term in New Hampshire has a ripple effect on the larger national Senate landscape, which has begun to settle a year before Election Day 2022.

Congressman tweets video: Arizona Rep. Paul Gosar was facing criticism after he tweeted a video that included altered animation showing him striking Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez with a sword.

In a tweet Monday night, Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., referred to Gosar as "a creepy member I work with" and said he "shared a fantasy video of him killing me." She added that Gosar would face no consequences because Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy "cheers him on with excuses." She also said that institutions "don't protect" women of color.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi tweeted Tuesday that: "Threats of violence against Members of Congress and the President of the United States must not be tolerated." She called on McCarthy to condemn "this horrific video and call on the Ethics Committee and law enforcement to investigate."

Spokespersons for McCarthy did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Pelosi's tweet.

Poland strengthens border: Poland reinforced its border with Belarus with more riot police on Tuesday, a day after

groups of migrants tried to storm through a razor-wire fence on the eastern frontier where thousands have camped on the Belarusian side in the tense standoff.

The European Union accuses Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko of using the migrants as pawns in a "hybrid attack" against the bloc in retaliation for imposing sanctions on the authoritarian government for a brutal internal crackdown on dissent.

Polish authorities said all was calm overnight on the border but they were bracing for any possibility.

The Defense Ministry said a large group of Belarusian forces was moving toward the migrant encampments.

Polish Maj. Katarzyna Zdanowicz estimated 3,000-4,000 migrants were along the border, including about 800 near the makeshift camps. Belarusian security services also were there to "control, steer and direct these people," she added.

Jan. 6 rioter: An American who faces criminal charges from the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol is seeking asylum in Belarus, the country's state TV reported, in a move that could further heighten tensions between the turbulent former Soviet nation and the United States.

Evan Neumann of Mill Valley, California, said in an interview with the Belarus 1 channel that he was at the Capitol that day but rejected the charges, which include assaulting police, obstruction and other offenses. The channel aired excerpts of the interview on Sunday and Monday, and promised to release the full version on Wednesday.

"I don't think I have committed some kind of a crime," said Neumann, 48, according to a Belarus 1 voice-over of his interview remarks. "One of the charges was very offensive; it alleges that I hit a police officer. It doesn't have any grounds to it." Neumann spoke in English but was dubbed in Russian.



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WORLD & NATION

Barrier forces Palestinians to adapt

Israeli officials say checkpoints needed to prevent violence

By Joseph Krauss
Associated Press

QAFFIN, West Bank — Three days a week, Palestinian farmers in the occupied West Bank village of Qaffin line up at a yellow gate and show military permits to soldiers in order to tend their crops on the other side of Israel's separation barrier. The farmers say that because of increasingly onerous Israeli restrictions they can no longer live off their land, which is suffering without proper cultivation. The olive groves just beyond the gate are scorched from a recent blaze — firefighters also need permission to enter.

Nearly two decades after Israel sparked controversy worldwide by building the barrier during a Palestinian uprising, it has become a seemingly permanent feature of the landscape — even as Israel encourages its citizens to settle on both sides.

Tens of thousands of Palestinians navigate its checkpoints every morning as they line up in cramped terminals to enter Israel for jobs in construction and agriculture. Farmers in Qaffin and dozens of other villages need permits to access their own private property.

Israel says the barrier helped stop a wave of suicide bombings and other attacks by Palestinians who slipped into the country during the 2000-05 uprising and is still needed to prevent deadly violence.

Eighty-five percent of the still-unfinished barrier is inside the occupied West Bank, carving off nearly 10% of its territory. The Palestinians view it as an illegal land grab, and the International Court of Justice in 2004 said the barrier was “contrary to international law.”



A section of a barrier between the Israeli settlement of Modi'in Illit, right, and the West Bank village of Nilin. NASSER NASSER/AP

In Jerusalem and the West Bank city of Bethlehem, the barrier is a towering concrete wall several yards high crowned with barbed wire and cameras. In rural areas it largely consists of barbed wire fencing and closed military roads.

Along Israel's main north-south highway, it's concealed by earthworks and landscaping, so that motorists get no more than a passing glance at the reality of military rule.

Palestinians in Qaffin say the wall has lopped off some 1,100 acres of their farmland, all of it inside the West Bank.

Ibrahim Ammar says he used to grow an array of crops including watermelon and corn, but is now limited to olives and almonds because they require less attention.

Even during the annual olive harvest, which began last month, he can only enter his land three days a week and must apply for permits to bring family members along to help.

“My father, my grandfather, they were totally dependent on the land,” he said. “Now I can't provide for myself and my children.”

He drives a taxi to supplement his income. Other villagers work menial jobs inside Israel and its West Bank settlements. At least one resident, frustrated by the restrictions, grows vegetables on the roof of his home.

“Three days is not enough to serve the land,” said Taysir Harashe, who was mayor of the village when the barrier was built. “The land is getting worse and worse.”

The U.N. estimates some 150 Palestinian communities are in a similar predicament, and that 11,000 Palestinians live in the so-called Seam Zone inside the West Bank but west of the barrier, requiring Israeli permits just to stay in their homes.

HaMoked, an Israeli rights group that helps Palestinians secure permits, says the farmers' situation

is worsening. It says data obtained from the military through a freedom of information request shows that 73% of applications for permits were denied last year, compared to 29% in 2014. Less than 3% are denied on security grounds, it said.

In 2014, Israel stopped granting permits to relatives unless they are listed as agricultural workers on larger plots. In 2017, the military began dividing larger holdings among the members of extended families and ruled that anything smaller than 3,500 square feet was agriculturally unsustainable. Owners of so-called “tiny plots” are denied permits.

“There's no security justification,” said Jessica Montell, the director of HaMoked, which is challenging the regulation before Israel's Supreme Court. “They've decided you own a plot of land that they think is too small to warrant cultivation.”

She said other regula-

tions are based on “elaborate calculations” about how many hands are needed to tend to various crops.

“It's a crazy table. They say if you are growing cucumbers you can get X number of helpers per dunam.”

Asked about the restrictions, the military said its forces aim to “ensure a smooth fabric of life for all sides.”

The military “sees great importance in the coordination of the olive harvest, and operates in accordance with guidelines and the situational assessment,” it said in a statement.

Israel has always said the barrier was not intended to delineate a permanent border, and some supporters said at the time that by reducing violence it would aid the peace process.

“The fence was built according to the needs of security only,” said Netzah Mashiah, a retired Israeli colonel who oversaw construction of the barrier

until 2008. “We understood while building it that it might be a border in the far future ... but this was not the goal of this fence.”

Indeed, the barrier only looks like a heavily guarded border.

Israelis and Palestinians live on both sides, and Israel is actively building settlements and settlement infrastructure east of the barrier. There have been no substantive peace talks in more than a decade, and Prime Minister Naftali Bennett is opposed to the creation of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and other territories Israel seized in the 1967 war.

In Bethlehem, the towering concrete wall is covered with political graffiti and often satirical artwork. One refers to an episode of Larry David's HBO comedy “Curb Your Enthusiasm” in which Jewish men avail themselves of a Palestinian restaurant to conceal their affairs from their wives. Another pays tribute to George Floyd, who died under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer last year.

It became an eclectic tourist attraction after the world-famous graffiti artist Banksy secretly painted the wall in the 2000s. In 2017, he opened the “Walled-Off Hotel,” a monument of bleak resistance-themed art.

Abu Yamil, the owner of a nearby souvenir shop who declined to give his full name, sells Banksy prints and postcards among other trinkets.

The 70-year-old waxes nostalgic about the situation decades ago, when Palestinians could travel freely.

“It was occupation, but we lived together,” he said. “I drove my car to Tel Aviv.” Like many Palestinians, he doubts the unfinished barrier serves much of a security purpose — workers without permits have always managed to sneak in.

“This wall will be here forever, because they don't want peace,” he said. “Israel wants all the land.”



Prosecutor Linda Dunikoski shows a video of Ahmaud Arbery on Tuesday in Georgia during the trial of three men charged with killing him in February 2020. STEPHEN B. MORTON/AP

Testimony: 1 Arbery slaying defendant changed his story

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — The man who initiated the chase that ended in Ahmaud Arbery's death quickly changed his story about why he suspected the 25-year-old Black man running in his neighborhood was a criminal, two police officers testified Tuesday.

Glynn County police Officer Jeff Brandeberry told a jury that Greg McMichael — one of three white men on trial for murder in the case — at first told him that Arbery had been recorded by security cameras “breaking in all these houses out here.”

“Well, he makes frequent trips to the neighborhood and gets caught on video cameras every third or fourth night breaking into places and no one's been able to catch him,” McMichael told Brandeberry, who read in open court from a transcript of the conversation recorded by his body camera.

The officer said he spoke to McMichael at the scene of the shooting, with Arbery's body lying under

a sheet in the road nearby, as police first responded on Feb. 23, 2020.

McMichael's account shifted when he spoke with a Glynn County detective at police headquarters late the same day. Whereas he'd first blamed the slain man for break-ins at multiple houses, McMichael told Detective Parker Marcy the intruder had targeted a single home — one that was still under construction with no doors or windows.

Marcy testified that McMichael told him he had seen “two or three videos” that showed “this guy breaking into or being or wandering around into this house.”

McMichael noted: “It's been in that state with no doors, with no windows for over a year now.”

Greg McMichael, his adult son, Travis McMichael, and neighbor William “Roddie” Bryan are charged with murder and other crimes in the death of Arbery. None of them were arrested in the slaying until more than two months later, when cellphone video of the shooting leaked online and sparked an outcry amid a national reckoning over

racial injustice.

Prosecutors say the men had no legal reason to pursue Arbery with guns, as there's no evidence Arbery committed any crimes in a subdivision outside Brunswick. Defense attorneys say the defendants had reason to suspect Arbery was a burglar.

Greg McMichael said the chase began when he saw Arbery running past his home on a Sunday afternoon. Saying he recognized Arbery from security camera videos shown to him by a neighbor who wasn't charged in the case, he ran inside and grabbed a .357 magnum handgun. Travis McMichael armed himself with a shotgun before they went after Arbery in a pickup truck.

Bryan joined the chase in his own truck and recorded the video of Travis McMichael shooting Arbery at close range.

Defense attorneys say Travis McMichael opened fire in self-defense. Brandeberry testified that Greg McMichael told him at the scene: “He attacked my son. He came at him. He tried to get the damn shotgun away.”

DEAN STOCKWELL 1936-2021

Child actor jumped to success in sci-fi show ‘Quantum Leap’

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dean Stockwell, a top Hollywood child actor who gained new success in middle age in the sci-fi series “Quantum Leap” and in a string of indelible performances in film, including David Lynch's “Blue Velvet,” Wim Wenders' “Paris, Texas” and Jonathan Demme's “Married to the Mob,” died Sunday. He was 85.

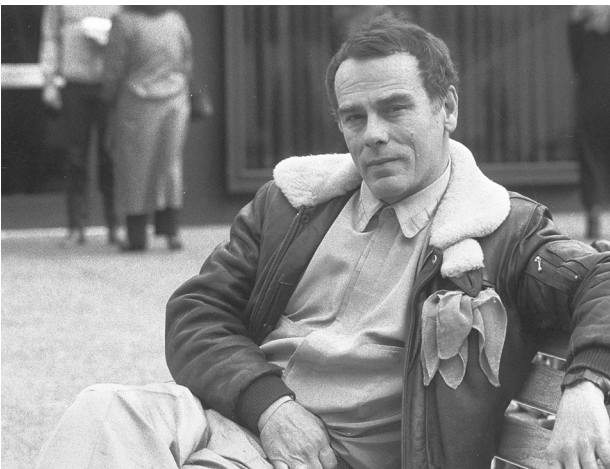
Agent Jay Schwartz, a family spokesperson, said Stockwell died of natural causes at his home.

Stockwell was a Oscar-nominated for his comic mafia kingpin in “Married to the Mob” and was four times an Emmy nominee for “Quantum Leap.”

But in a career that spanned seven decades, Stockwell was a supreme character actor whose performances — lip-syncing Roy Orbison in a night-marish party scene in “Blue Velvet,” a desperate agent in Robert Altman's “The Player,” Howard Hughes in Francis Ford Coppola's “Tucker: The Man and His Dream” — didn't have to be lengthy to be mesmerizing.

Stockwell's own relationship with acting, having started on Broadway at age 7, was complicated. In a peripatetic career, he quit show business several times, including at age 16 and again in the 1980s, when he moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, to sell real estate.

“Dean spent a lifetime yo-yoing back and forth between fame and anonymity,” his family said in a statement. “Because of that, when he had a job, he was grateful. He never took the business for granted. He was a rebel, wildly talented and always a breath of fresh air.”



Actor Dean Stockwell was nominated four times for an Emmy for “Quantum Leap.” ALAN GRETH/AP 1989

The dark-haired Stockwell was a Hollywood veteran by the time he reached his teens. In his 20s, he starred on Broadway as a young killer in the play “Compulsion” and in prestigious films such as “Sons and Lovers.”

He was awarded best actor at the Cannes Film Festival twice, in 1959 for the big-screen version of “Compulsion” and in 1962 for Sidney Lumet's adaptation of Eugene O'Neill's “Long Day's Journey Into Night.” While his career had some lean times, he reached his full stride in the 1980s.

“My way of working is still the same as it was in the beginning — totally intuitive and instinctive,” he told The New York Times in 1987. “But as you live your life, you compile so many millions of experiences and bits of information that you become a richer vessel as a person. You draw on more experience.”

His Oscar-nominated role as Tony Russo, a flamboyant gangster, in the 1988 hit “Married to the Mob” led to his most notable TV role the following year, in NBC's science fiction series “Quantum Leap.”

Stockwell became an actor at an early age.

“I was very lucky to have a loving and caring and sympathetic mother and not a stage mother,” he said in 1989. Still, he stressed, it wasn't always easy, and he dropped out of the business when he reached 16.

Reviving his career after five years, Stockwell returned to New York, where he co-starred with Roddy McDowall on Broadway in “Compulsion,” a 1957 drama based on the notorious Leopold-Loeb murder case in which two college students killed a 14-year-old boy for the thrill of it. The film version starred Orson Welles.

Stockwell had two more prestigious film roles in the early 1960s. He was the struggling son in D.H. Lawrence's “Sons and Lovers” — an Oscar nominee for best picture — and the sensitive younger brother in “Long Day's Journey Into Night” with Ralph Richardson and Katharine Hepburn.

When his career hit a down period, Stockwell decided to take his family to New Mexico. As soon as he left Hollywood, filmmakers started calling again.

He called his success from the 1980s onward his “third career.”

WORLD & NATION

No quick fix to supply chain issues

Biden team rolls out infrastructure steps to tackle problems

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The Biden administration is relying on infrastructure dollars to help fix the clogged ports and blanket the nation with internet access — but a series of initiatives rolled out Tuesday show that the urgent pace might not be fast enough to address the immediate needs of an economy coping with a supply chain squeeze and a shift to remote work.

President Joe Biden spoke with the CEOs of Wal-Mart, Target, UPS and FedEx on Tuesday about how to relieve the supply chain challenges as ships are still waiting to dock at some of the country's leading ports. The key problem is that these ports are experiencing record volumes of shipping containers as the economy has recovered from the pandemic.



A truck passes a container ship Oct. 19 at a port in California. Supply chain challenges exist nationwide. NOAH BERGER/AP

infrastructure package that cleared the House on Friday. She said that jobs would be created and poorer Americans would receive “affordable” internet service, though she did not spell out a precise dollar amount on what the monthly bills could be.

The plan involves careful logistics that would take time to implement. Each state would receive at least \$100 million to help lay fiberoptic cables and ensure its citizens can access the internet. This process would occur as job seekers are increasingly requesting remote work.

“The president wants us to get it right,” Raimondo said. “And if it takes a little longer to lay the groundwork for fiber and broadband, then we’re going to do that.”

Similarly, the administra-

tion announced plans Tuesday to identify and pay for possible upgrades to U.S. ports within the next 90 days — hoping to ultimately tamp down the inflation being caused by ships waiting to dock and a shortage of truck drivers to haul goods.

As the U.S. emerges from the pandemic, the economic recovery has been hampered by congested and aging ports. The mix of inflation and the potential for empty store shelves during holiday shopping has created a sense of frustration for many Americans and hurt Biden and Democrats politically.

Senior administration officials said Tuesday that the Transportation Department would allow port authorities to redirect any leftover money from grant projects to address the supply chain issues.

The officials spoke on

condition of anonymity to discuss the forthcoming plans, which come on the heels of the House backing the bipartisan infrastructure package Friday. The package includes \$17 billion to improve coastal and land-based ports that can help to tackle the challenges in the longer term.

Biden’s team is moving ahead in promoting the possible benefits from the broader infrastructure package, though they’ve largely shied away from claiming that Americans could see clear and demonstrable changes to their lives before the 2022 midterm elections. The focus, instead, has been on how the spending on roads, bridges and broadband will help the U.S. economy compete against the rest of the world.

Administration officials

said the ports initiatives announced Tuesday would make the supply chain faster, more efficient and environmentally friendly in the medium to longer term.

Biden will highlight the administration’s efforts by visiting Baltimore’s port Wednesday. It’s part of a broader effort to show that the administration will tackle the inflation that has left Americans feeling more pessimistic about the economy. Updated figures for the consumer price index will be released Wednesday, with the previous report showing prices were 5.4% higher than a year ago.

The Baltimore trip is designed to highlight the types of investments that the administration believes will help unclog the supply chain.

The Biden administration earlier helped broker

an agreement to increase the hours of operation at the Port of Los Angeles.

Additional steps include launching a \$240 million grant program in the next 45 days to modernize ports and marine highways. Within 60 days, the government wants to identify repair projects and opportunities to deepen harbors for larger ships that can be a guide for more than \$4 billion in construction by the Army Corps of Engineers.

The government will also look over the next 90 days at which ports of entry should be upgraded and expanded as part of a \$3.4 billion investment. It also plans within 90 days to open the first round of more than \$475 million in grants for ports made possible through the newly passed infrastructure package.

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BUSINESS

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Shortage of truckers adds to supply chain problems

Biden’s \$1T infrastructure package could help ease bottlenecks in long term

By Madeleine Ngo and Ana Swanson
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Truck drivers have been in short supply for years, but a wave of retirements combined with those simply quitting for less stressful jobs is exacerbating the supply chain crisis in the country, leading to empty store shelves, panicked holiday shoppers and congestion at ports. Warehouses around the country are overflowing with products, and delivery times have stretched to months from days or weeks for many goods. A report released last month by the American Trucking Associations estimated that the industry is short 80,000 drivers, a record number, and one the association said could double by 2030 as more retire. Supply chain problems stem from a number of factors, including a surge in demand for goods and factory shut-downs abroad. But the situation has been compounded by a shortage of truckers and deteriorating conditions across the transportation sector, which have made it even

harder for consumers to get the things they want when they want them. The phenomenon is rippling across the economy, weighing on growth, pushing up prices for consumers and depressing President Joe Biden’s approval rating. Biden announced last month that major ports and private companies would begin moving toward 24-hour operation in an effort to ease the gridlock. But early results suggest that trucking remains a major bottleneck in that effort, compounding backlogs at the ports. The directors of the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach said that, at least initially, few additional truckers were showing up to take advantage of the extended hours. Gene Seroka, executive director of the Port of Los Angeles, said his port had told the White House in July that about 30% of the port’s appointments for truckers went unused every day, largely because of shortages of drivers, the chassis they use to pull the loads and warehouse workers to unload items from trucks. The \$1 trillion infrastructure bill that the

House passed last week could help mitigate the shortage. The legislation includes a three-year pilot apprenticeship program that would allow commercial truck drivers as young as 18 to drive across state lines. In most states, people under 21 can receive a commercial driver’s license, but federal regulations restrict them from driving interstate routes. But industry experts said the program was unlikely to fix the immediate problem, given that it could take months to get underway and the fact that many people simply do not want to drive trucks. The isolating lifestyle and younger generations’ focus on pursuing college degrees have made it difficult to entice drivers. Trucking companies have also struggled to retain workers: Turnover rates have reached as high as 90% for large carriers. In response, companies have raised wages. The average weekly earnings for long-distance drivers have increased 21% since 2019, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Last year, commercial truck drivers had a median wage of \$47,130.

GE plans to spin off into trio of public firms

By Michelle Chapman
Associated Press

General Electric, the storied American manufacturer that struggled under its own weight after growing to become a sprawling conglomerate, will divide itself into three public companies focused on aviation, health care and energy. It is the culmination of a yearslong reshaping of a symbol of American manufacturing might that could signal the end of such conglomerates as a whole. “It’s over now,” said Nick Heymann of William Blair, who has followed GE for years. “In a digital economy, there’s no real room for it.” The company has already rid itself of the products most Americans know, including its appliances, and last year, the light bulbs that GE had been making since the late 19th century when the company was founded. The announcement Tuesday marks the apogee of those efforts, divvying up an empire created in the 1980s under CEO Jack Welch. GE’s stock became one of the most sought after on Wall Street under Welch, and the company’s value increased 30-fold. Yet the stock began to lag in the summer of 2001, the waning days of Welch’s rule. As the decade came to a close GE was struck by near ruin with the arrival of the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. General Electric’s vulnerabilities were laid bare and the epicenter was GE Capital, the company’s financial wing. Under the reorganization, GE’s aviation unit, it’s most profitable, will keep General Electric in the name. GE will spin off its health care business in early 2023 and its energy segment including renewable energy, power and digital operations in early 2024.



A hiring sign stands out in the window of a clothing store this month in New York City. JEENAH MOON/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Holiday scramble for workers

In this tight labor market, retailers raising the stakes: More money, fewer hours

By Sapna Maheshwari and Michael Corkery
The New York Times

Macy’s is offering referral bonuses of up to \$500 for each friend or family member that employees recruit to join the company. Walmart is paying as much as \$17 an hour to start and has begun offering free college tuition to its workers. And some Amazon warehouse jobs now command signing bonuses of up to \$3,000. Retailers, expecting the holiday shopping season to be bustling this year after being upended by the coronavirus in 2020, are scrambling to find enough workers to staff their stores and distribution centers in a tight labor market. It is not proving easy to entice applicants to an industry that has been battered, more than most, by the pandemic’s many challenges, from fights over mask wearing to high rates of infection among employees. Willing retail workers are likely to earn larger paychecks and work fewer hours, while consumers may be greeted by less inventory and understaffed stores.

“Folks looking to work in retail have typically had very little choice — it’s largely been driven by geography and availability of hours,” said Mark Cohen, director of retail studies at Columbia University’s business school. “Now they can pick and choose who’s got the highest, best benefits, bonuses and hourly rates.” Or as Jeff Gennette, the CEO of Macy’s, which plans to hire 76,000 full- and part-time employees this season, put it in a recent interview: “Everyone’s experiencing this — there’s a war for talent at the front lines.” While some of the most generous perks, like tuition reimbursement, are being offered mainly to long-term workers, even seasonal workers will see higher pay than usual. The National Retail Federation is anticipating record holiday sales and has forecast that retailers will hire 500,000 to 665,000 seasonal workers, significantly more than the 486,000 in 2020. “The biggest risk to retailers and distributors is that they are working their current workforce too much,” said Scott Mushkin, who founded the financial consultant R5 Capital, based in New Canaan, Connecticut. “Overtime can only go so far. The workforce is tired out.” Those pressures may explain why large

retailers like Walmart are looking to hire 150,000 additional workers to supplement its current staff this season. Walmart recently raised its minimum wage to \$12 an hour, and in some stores it is offering new workers \$17 an hour. Amazon is also looking for an additional 150,000 people this holiday season, which follows a push to expand its permanent workforce by 125,000. With giant retailers gobbling up many of the job candidates, enticing new employees is that much harder for others. The scramble by retailers comes as the economy is gaining strength, adding 531,000 jobs in October, a sharp rebound from the previous month. But even as unemployment dropped to 4.6% from 4.8%, the labor participation rate — which measures the share of the working-age population employed or looking for a job — was flat last month, at 61.6%. That signals that the pool of available workers remains tight. “We’re coming out of a crisis we have no experience in dealing with, in which millions of people were furloughed or laid off or removed from the workforce, and to think they’ll all show up on certain date to come back to work is kind of silly,” Cohen said. “Some people are still fearful about coming back to work.”

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Red phone boxes in UK to be saved

LONDON — Thousands of Britain’s iconic red phone boxes will be protected from removal under new rules, the U.K.’s telecommunications regulator said Tuesday. The public payphone boxes may look like obsolete relics in an age of ubiquitous smartphones, but regulator Ofcom said they can still be a “lifeline” for people in need. The regulator is proposing rules to prevent 5,000 call boxes in areas with poor mobile coverage from being closed down. It said that phone booths in areas considered accident or suicide hotspots, and those that have had more than 52 calls made from them in the past 12 months, would also meet the criteria. Ofcom said there are still around 21,000 phone boxes across the country.

US casinos report best quarter ever

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The nation’s commercial casinos won nearly \$14 billion in the third quarter of this year, marking the industry’s best quarter ever, and pushing U.S. casino revenue past all of 2020. According to figures released Tuesday by the American Gaming Association, the casino industry’s national trade group, U.S. casinos are poised to have their best year ever in 2021 as more consumers feel comfortable visiting casinos amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and as online and sports betting revenues continue to grow. U.S. casinos are on pace to break the annual record of \$43.65 billion, set in 2019, the group said. Ten out of 25 states with commercial casinos saw quarterly revenue records.

Okla. high court reverses \$465M opioid ruling

By Ken Miller
Associated Press

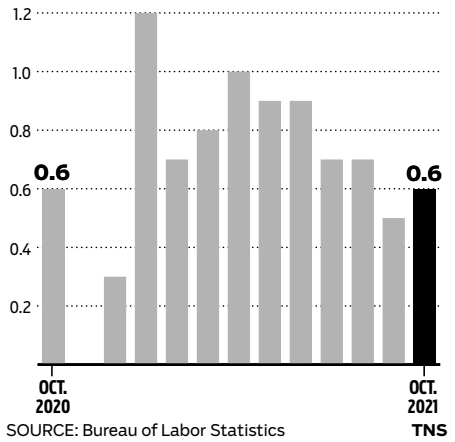
OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma Supreme Court on Tuesday overturned a \$465 million opioid ruling against drug-maker Johnson & Johnson, finding that a lower court wrongly interpreted the state’s public nuisance law. The ruling was the second blow this month to a government case that used a similar approach to try to hold drugmakers responsible for national opioid abuse. Public nuisance claims are at the heart of some 3,000 lawsuits brought by state and local governments against drugmakers, distribution companies and pharmacies. The court ruled in a 5-1 decision that

District Judge Thad Balkman in 2019 was wrong to find that New Jersey-based J&J and its Belgium-based subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals violated the state’s public nuisance statute. “The court has allowed public nuisance claims to address discrete, localized problems, not policy problems,” according to the opinion written by Justice James R. Winchester. The high court said that although it wouldn’t want to downplay the suffering that thousands of Oklahomans have gone through because of opioids, the question was whether the company’s marketing and sale of opioids created a public nuisance. “J&J no longer promotes any prescription opioids and has not done so for several

years,” since 2015, Winchester wrote. “Even with J&J’s marketing practices these ... medications amounted to less than 1% of all Oklahoma opioid prescriptions.” State statistics show that from 2007 to 2017, more than 4,600 people in Oklahoma died from overdoses from opioids, including prescription painkillers and illicit versions such as heroin and illegally made fentanyl. Nationally, opioids have been linked to more than 500,000 deaths since 2000. The ruling comes a week after a California judge issued a tentative ruling that said local governments had not proven that Johnson & Johnson used deceptive marketing to inflate prescriptions of their painkillers, leading to a public nuisance.

Producer price index

Index of prices U.S. producers receive for goods and services, percent change from previous month



BUSINESS

The Hartford promises \$2.5B toward carbon-free energy

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

The Hartford Financial Services Group Inc. announced Tuesday that it anticipates exiting all tar sands investments by Dec. 31, two years ahead of its commitment announced in 2019.

The insurance and financial services giant, detailing updated environmental policies on several fronts, also said that it did not expect to exit coal-investment holdings earlier than by the end of 2023, as previously announced.

It's joining scores of

financial institutions with assets under management or loans outstanding larger than \$10 billion that are restricting fossil-fuel business with oil, liquefied natural gas, oil sands and arctic drilling, according to the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis.

The Hartford also said it would spend \$2.5 billion over five years on technologies, companies and funds to advance efforts moving away from carbon-based power.

And it will join other companies as a signatory to the United Nations Global

Compact, a corporate initiative to promote sustainable energy.

"As a 211-year-old insurer and asset manager, we view the transition to a greener society as a business imperative, and we are doing our part," said Chief Executive Officer Christopher Swift.

Canadian tar sands — a mixture of sand, water, clay and a type of oil called bitumen — have taken a hit with the decision by President Joe Biden early this year to reject the Keystone XL pipeline. It would have transported the carbon-intensive oil from Alberta, Canada, to Nebraska where

it would meet with pipelines to move further south to oil refineries in the Gulf Coast.

Jay Averill, spokesman for the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, said demand for natural gas and oil is rising rapidly, "with significant investments for growth" in oil and natural gas development.

"Decisions like the one made by The Hartford Financial Services Group do nothing to impact global demand for oil and natural gas but only serve to drive investment away from responsible energy developing nations like Canada,"

he said in an email.

The Hartford announced in January 2020 that it would halt insurance coverage of companies that post 25 percent or more in revenue from thermal coal mining and more than 25 percent of energy production from coal. It also will not write policies or make investments in companies that generate more than 25 percent of revenue directly from extracting oil from tar sands.

The Rainforest Action Network, which is pressuring insurers to drop coverage of fossil-fuel power plants, said at the time that

The Hartford was the "first mainstream U.S. insurer" to restrict coverage for tar sands oil and coal.

But it said its policy had some loopholes and urged The Hartford to rule out insurance for new tar sands pipelines and other tar sands transport projects because the insurer's policy applied only to tar sands extraction companies.

Activists also called on The Hartford to rule out insurance for new coal mines in addition to coal-fired power plants and to restrict all companies helping to expand tar sands and coal.

As eviction filings pick up, a gradual crisis takes shape

By Sophie Kasakove
The New York Times

In Indianapolis, eviction courts are packed as judges make their way through a monthslong backlog of cases. In Detroit, advocates are rushing to knock on the doors of tenants facing possible eviction. In Gainesville, Florida, landlords are filing evictions at a rapid pace as displaced tenants resort to relatives' couches for places to sleep or seek cheaper rents outside the city.

It is not the sudden surge of evictions that tenants and advocates feared after the Supreme Court ruled in August that President Joe Biden's extension of the eviction moratorium was unconstitutional. Instead, what's emerging is a more gradual eviction crisis that is increasingly hitting communities across the country, especially those where the distribution of federal rental assistance has been slow and where tenants have few protections.

"For months we all used

these terms like eviction 'tsunami' and 'falling off the cliff,' " said Lee Camp, an attorney who represents tenants facing eviction in St. Louis. But those simple terms missed the complexity of the eviction process and the lack of reliable statistics to track it, he said. "It was not going to happen overnight. Certainly it would take weeks and months to play out."

And even now, experts say, the available numbers undercount the number of tenants being forced from their homes either through court-ordered evictions or informal ones, especially as rising rents make seeking new tenants increasingly profitable for landlords.

While the number of eviction filings remained at nearly half of pre-pandemic averages during the first two weeks of October, according to the Eviction Lab at Princeton University, in the 31 cities and six states it tracks, the filings are also increasing.

In the first two weeks of September, just after the

moratorium ended, eviction filings increased by 10% from the first two weeks of August. In the first two weeks of October, evictions increased by nearly 14% from the first two weeks of the previous month.

"In places that don't have protections, these numbers are increasing pretty quickly," said Peter Hepburn, a researcher at the Eviction Lab.

Gene Sperling, the economist overseeing the Biden administration's pandemic relief programs, credited the \$46.5 billion in federal rental assistance set aside by Congress last winter with mitigating the problem. More than 2 million payments have been made — nearly 1 million in August and September alone.

Some jurisdictions have used part of the money to introduce programs that provide alternatives to eviction or legal assistance for tenants.

Just over 37% of all renters in the country live in places that still have local eviction bans or are post-



Activists hold "end evictions" signs Sept. 21 on Capitol Hill in Washington. STEFANI REYNOLDS/ THE NEW YORK TIMES

poning eviction judgments pending rental assistance, according to the Urban Institute.

But elsewhere, limited renter protections and limits in the distribution of rental assistance are spurring the increase in evictions.

"No one should be sleeping well at night when there are still way too many painful, avoidable evictions," Sperling said.

In Indianapolis in late October, Pamela Brewer

waited nervously for a hearing on her pending eviction in a courthouse packed with hundreds of other tenants.

"The hallways were full; the outside was full coming up the steps; the foyer was full," said Brewer, who is months behind on rent after losing her job on the assembly line at a home appliances manufacturer at the start of the pandemic. "You look around, and everybody's knees are shaking like, 'What's going to happen?'"

Some landlords say that the red tape of the rental assistance program has caused problems for them, too.

William Tran, who owns 38 properties in the Milwaukee area, said he is short \$40,000 in unpaid rent, as some of his tenants have struggled to navigate the application process and others face long delays.

"It's just a really cumbersome process, and it can be really overwhelming for a lot of people," Tran said.

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How infrastructure week finally happened



Paul Krugman

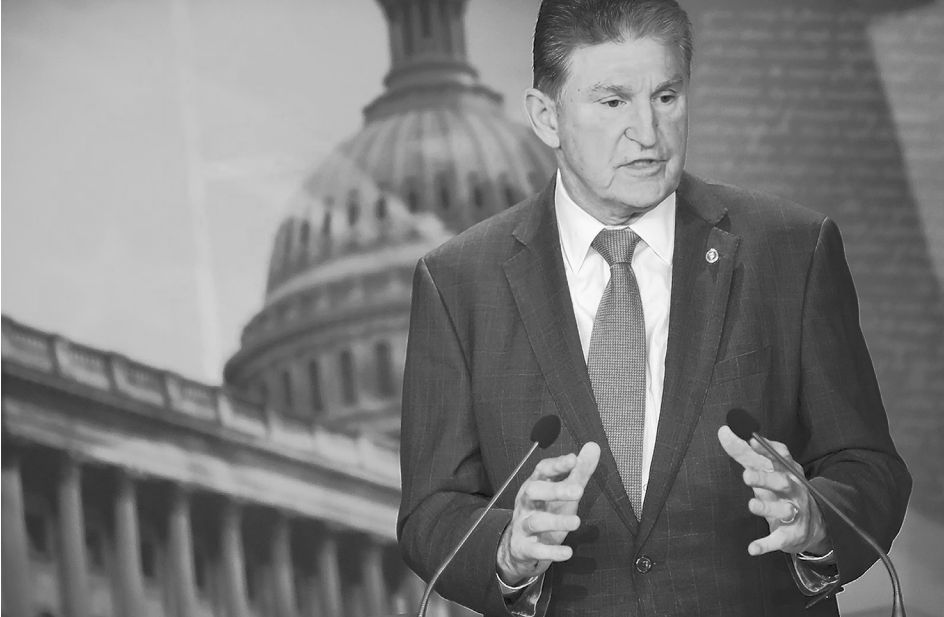
Thirteen Republican members of the House voted for the infrastructure bill now headed for President Biden's desk. That may not sound like much, but given the intensity of GOP partisanship — the loser in the New Jersey governor's race still hasn't conceded — getting even that many Republicans to back an initiative that might help Biden is amazing.

These votes suggest that politicians believe what polling indicates — that repairing roads and bridges, expanding broadband and more are immensely popular and that opposing the bill would be politically costly. Six progressive Democrats voted against the legislation, but Nancy Pelosi, who said she had a "secret whip count," might have been able to get some of those votes if she had needed them.

But if infrastructure spending is a political winner, why didn't it happen under Donald Trump? The Trump administration first declared Infrastructure Week in June 2017, but no legislative proposal ever materialized, and by the time Trump was voted out of office the phrase had become a national punchline. Why?

It wasn't just incompetence, although that was part of it. The bigger story is that the modern Republican Party is constitutionally incapable — or maybe, given recent behavior, that should be unconstitutionally incapable — of investing in America's future. And, sad to say, pro-corporate Democrats, whom we really should stop calling "centrists," have some of the same problems.

Trump talked big about infrastructure during the 2016 election campaign. But the "plan" released by his advisers — it was actually just a vague sketch — was a



Sen. Joe Manchin talks to reporters Nov. 1 at the Capitol in Washington. Manchin says he's worried about the U.S. becoming an "entitlement society." **CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY**

mess. It wasn't even really a proposal for public investment; to a large extent it was an exercise in crony capitalism, a scheme for taxpayer-subsidized private investment that would, like the "opportunity zones" that were part of the 2017 tax cut, mainly have ended up showering benefits on wealthy developers. It was also completely unworkable.

If Trump had wanted to get anything real accomplished, he would have had to turn to people who had some idea about what they were doing, who at least knew how to draft legislation. But he wasn't willing to work with Democrats — and key Republicans in Congress.

Mitch McConnell in particular, opposed significant infrastructure investment every step of the way.

Why this opposition? Much of it was ostensibly about how to pay for additional spending. Republicans were, of course, opposed to new taxes, especially on corpo-

rations and the wealthy; they also claimed to be against additional government borrowing.

But the first rule of deficit politics is that nobody really cares about deficits. Republicans certainly didn't care when they rammed through a \$1.9 trillion tax cut without any offsetting cost savings. The handful of Democrats still balking at Biden's Build Back Better plan, which would invest in people in addition to steel and concrete, have held up a vote by demanding a cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office.

But they don't seem to mind the fact that the physical infrastructure bill is partly paid for with smoke and mirrors and that the CBO estimates that it will add hundreds of billions to the deficit.

As it happens, many economists now believe that given low interest rates, we actually shouldn't worry about deficits. But that doesn't stop politicians from selec-

tively invoking deficit fears as a way to block government programs they don't like.

In the case of mainstream Republicans, that basically means opposing everything that isn't military spending. Anything else is "socialism," which on the right has come to mean spending money in any way that helps ordinary citizens.

Indeed, it's fairly clear that what conservatives fear isn't that new government programs will fail; they're afraid that the programs will be perceived as successful and will help to legitimize an expanded role for government in addressing social problems.

That is, they worry that government programs that actually help people could turn us into a "nation of takers" — maybe even a nation that taxes the rich to pay for aid to those in need.

Given this attitude, the only way Trump could have gotten an infrastructure bill would have been to bypass much of his own party and work with Democrats. But as I said, he wasn't willing to do that.

Sadly, the handful of Democrats who may yet kill Build Back Better seem to share Republican unwillingness to invest in the future, albeit in milder form. They're willing to spend on infrastructure, even with borrowed money.

But they get cold feet over social spending, even though there's strong evidence that such spending would greatly help the economy (not to mention their own constituents). Why? Well, Joe Manchin says he's worried about us becoming an "entitlement society."

At this point, however, indulging this nonsense would have huge political as well as human costs. Biden's ability to finally get the infrastructure bill that eluded Trump for four years is an object lesson in what can be achieved if we sideline the ideologues and crony capitalists. Now Democrats should finish the job.

Krugman is a columnist for The New York Times.

The Biden of yore has gone missing

By Matthew Yglesias
Bloomberg Opinion

With President Joe Biden's approval ratings mired in the low 40s, and in the aftermath of last week's worse-than-expected election results, the question of whether he's gone too far left was all but inevitable. Equally unsurprising is that someone such as Rep. Abigail Spanberger, who holds a very difficult House seat in suburban Virginia, would answer in the affirmative.

"Nobody elected him to be FDR," she told The New York Times. "They elected him to be normal and stop the chaos."

It's a common view among centrist Democrats, and understandable, but the formulation isn't quite right. In large part, Americans elected FDR to be normal and stop the chaos.

Voters who paid attention to the 2020 Democratic primary probably thought that, with Biden, FDR was exactly what they were getting: an old-fashioned, patriotic, labor union Democrat with moderately populist economic policies and no particular affiliation with avant-garde cultural politics.

In fact, Biden's television ads and campaign rhetoric emphasized the idea of taxing the rich to expand the social safety net and invest in made-in-America zero-carbon energy.

That was Primary Candidate Joe Biden. President Joe Biden is different, and that difference may be the key the understanding what happened to Democrats last week — and how they might improve their showing a year from now.

After a primary campaign marked by high-profile clashes with the left, President Biden has seemed reluctant to be visibly at odds with elements of his base. Primary Candidate Biden was constantly making "gaffes" that revealed how out of touch the white male University of Delaware graduate born in 1942 was with the young, highly educated urban progressives who dominate the media.

Primary Candidate Biden reminisced fondly about working with segregationist senators in the 1970s. During one debate, he mangled an explanation of the so-called "word gap" in terms that got him lambasted on the left.

"Joe Biden's answer on how to address the legacy of slavery was appalling — and disqualifying," scolded the progressive writer Anand Giridharadas. "It ended in a sermon implying that black parents don't know how to raise their own children."

In fact, his answer featured explanations of his plans to provide federal child care and pre-K programs — core elements of today's "Build Back Better" legislation. In some ways, the left's righteous fury



President Joe Biden stresses a point during a news conference Saturday in the State Dining Room at the White House. **SAMUEL CORUM/GETTY**

at Biden illustrated part of what swing voters liked about him: He was an old man who talked like an old man, rather than a woke 25-year-old, and he wasn't so much immune from cancel culture as oblivious to it.

But President Biden doesn't have some of the advantages Primary Candidate Biden had. There is no campaign to dramatize his differences with the left, and his administration is largely staffed in the middle layers by younger, more liberal people who didn't support him until he locked up the nomination.

Primary Candidate Biden would have blurred out some half-remembered Christopher Columbus hagiography from 50 years ago. President Biden, with his more professionalized White House operation, seeks and achieves headlines as the first president to make an Indigenous People's Day proclamation.

It's challenging, to say the least, for an administration to commit itself to more presidential gaffes. But White House staff members ought to consider that the typical primary-season Biden gaffe was the kind of thing that, while embarrassing to them personally, played just fine with the country's median voters — who tend to be older people with no college degree living in the suburbs of smaller cities.

More broadly, it wouldn't be such a bad idea for Biden to be seen as at odds with leftist elements in his own party.

I'm fairly certain, for example, that Biden does not personally agree with diversity consultant Tema Okun that individualism, objectivity and worship of the written word are distinctive characteristics of "white supremacy culture." But her work has been used for training in public school systems from New York City to

Seattle and is a recommended resource of the National Education Association.

Biden would not need to accept the idea that "critical race theory" is an anti-American plot to simply state that he thinks some nutty stuff is being done in some places in the name of equity. If he is worried about optics, he's got a Black vice president and a Hispanic secretary of education who could back him up on the basic need for children of all races to learn to read and write. And they could talk about the importance of his preschool initiatives to accomplish that.

Primary Candidate Biden was lambasted by environmentalists for, among other things, refusing to commit to a ban on fracking. President Biden's unpopularity is due in part to high oil prices, but he doesn't want to publicly cheerlead — privately is a different matter — for more domestic oil production for fear of picking a fight or seeming to contradict himself.

But there's no contradiction between wanting to have more oil and gas available this winter and wanting a more long-term future of heat pumps, electric vehicles and less worry about oil prices. You just need to be willing to have some environmentalists yell at you.

Primary Candidate Biden was hectorred by leftist activists and media personalities. He got yelled at by then-rival Kamala Harris for not supporting school busing, and by the media for calling Harris "kid." Primary Candidate Biden stood on stage and refused to raise his hand in support of the idea of decriminalizing illegal entry into the U.S., when all the more fashionable candidates came out in favor of it.

President Biden is not so different in terms of policy — immigration activists are

furious that he hasn't been more welcoming to people seeking asylum at the southern border. But he doesn't seem eager to let the public know that he's fighting with activists about this even while, on another front, he is fighting to reverse his predecessor's crackdown on legal migration.

These instincts to suppress conflict undoubtedly served Biden well during the general election. He already had a strong brand as a moderate Democrat, and sniping from the left could have depressed turnout or driven voters to third parties. But now he's president, and the longer he goes without reminding the public that he really is more moderate than some other figures within the party, the more his brand erodes.

Back to FDR: By the time he ran for re-election in 1936, economic growth was torrid. Under Biden, the economy recently seems to have stalled somewhat and has been overtaken by inflation. There's some reason to believe this will turn around over the next few months, with inflation falling and job growth accelerating, and if it does, that will help Biden. If it doesn't, no political message is going to salvage a presidency afflicted by slow job growth and falling real wages.

As a politician, Biden is a happy warrior — the opposite of his predecessor, who continues to be an angry right-wing culture warrior. Primary Candidate Biden had genuine but respectful differences with the cultural left and was a throwback populist who promised to invest in public services. To get his mojo back, President Biden needs a bit more FDR, not less.

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1. Notice is hereby given to Licensed Contractors that sealed bids for the ENERGY & EFFICIENCY HVAC UPGRADES FOR THE MILO PECK CHILD CARE SCHOOL in Windsor, Connecticut will be received by Jim Bourke, Director of Finance, Finance Department, Town of Windsor, CT 06095 until 11:00 AM, DECEMBER 22, 2021 as determined by the Finance Department's (Purchasing Agent's) clock, at which time they will be opened via a Video Meeting to be scheduled. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to be certain that all sealed bids are stamped in at the Finance Department's office by the designated date and time. No Bids will be accepted after said date and time. Signed non-collusion form must be included with bid.

2. Specification and Bid Packages may be viewed at:
RFP Proposal is included in project Specification Manual.
- Town of Windsor Finance Office, 275 Broad Street, Windsor, CT 06095.
- Town of Windsor Website / Home Page / Resources Tab / Bids Request for Proposals
- CT DAS Contracting Portal website.

3. Pre-bid Meeting: There will be a Mandatory pre-bid meeting at the site (enter main entrance, sign in located in gymnasium lower level) at 10:00 am on Wednesday November 17, 2021.

4. Bid Security: Bid security payable to the Town of Windsor is required in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid proposal, and shall be in the form of a certified check or Bid Bond. Bid Bonds must be AIA Document A310 or comparable legal bond form, issued by a Surety Company licensed in Connecticut. Signed Non-Collusion form by officer must be with bid to be considered.

5. Drawings and Specifications: Bidders may obtain hard copies of complete sets of Bidding Documents available at Advanced Reprographics upon a non-refundable payment to be advised at the time of order/pick-up for EACH SET. Make check payable to Advance Reprographics. Go to www.advancedrepro.net and click on "ACCESS OUR PLANROOM" on the bottom of the page and select "PUBLIC JOBS." Plans and specifications will be available for viewing and purchasing.

6. Performance and Payment Bond: A performance and payment bond in the full amount of the Contract is required to awarded Contractor, and shall be included in the bid price. AIA Document A311 or comparable legal bond form shall be used as the form for the bond, except that such bond must be consistent with Supplementary Instruction to Bidders.

7. Bidder's attention is particularly called to the requirements as to the conditions of employment to be observed, and to the minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract. The bidder must submit monthly certified payrolls and all subcontractor partial Lien Waivers throughout the project. Prevailing Wages apply.

8. No bidder may withdraw his bid within ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening.

9. This contract is subject to state set-aside and contract compliance requirements.

10. The Town of Windsor reserves the right to reject any and all bids or any part thereof, or to waive defects in same, or to accept any proposal, or part thereof, deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Windsor for whatever reason. The project will be awarded to the lowest responsible and qualified bidder.
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In accordance with the provisions of 24 CFR 570.570(a)(3), the City will have The CAPER available for public review and comment beginning on November 10, 2021 in the Department of Economic and Community Development Office, Room 202 of the Municipal Building located at 245 DeKoven Drive in Middletown, CT. The report will also be available online at:

http://www.cityofmiddletown.com/306/Community-Development

Written comments on the report may be submitted to the Department of Economic & Community Development through November 24, 2021.

In addition, The City of Middletown's Citizen Advisory Committee will be conducting a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 to solicit comments on the 2020-2021 CAPER. The public hearing will be via WebEx:

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Lynda MacPherson, Community Development Specialist
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The Town of Farmington, CT is seeking bids from qualified vendors to supply and install one new, unused TENCOR truck body and accessories as more fully described in the bid specifications.

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Town of Farmington at the Town Finance Office, Farmington Town Hall, One Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT 06032 until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at which time and place, said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid documents may be obtained at the Town Finance Office, Farmington Town Hall, One Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to award any item, group of items or the total bid, and to waive any or all informalities or technical defects, if it is deemed by the Town to be in its best interest to do so.

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LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Professional Engineering Review Services for New Farmington High School and Central Offices

Proposals will be accepted at the Town Manager's Office, Farmington Town Hall, 1 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT 06032 until 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time on November 23, 2021. Instructions to bidders may be obtained at www.farmington-ct.org. Links: Departments>Finance and Purchasing>Purchasing > Bids

The Town of Farmington is seeking a qualified Professional Engineering firm to perform a comprehensive review of the final plans, working drawings, specifications, bid documents and contract documents as to accuracy, clarity, and completeness for the new Farmington High School and Central Office/Locker Room Building Project(s) as required by Farmington Town Code, Chapter 53, Section 53-4 C. The comprehensive review and written commentary shall address the accuracy, clarity and completeness of the documents produced by the Project design team. The comments are to be submitted to the Town of Farmington.

Qualified firms are required to submit their proposal in accordance with the solicitation package requirements. One Original, fifteen (15) copies of the proposal, and one electronic copy (Adobe PDF) must be submitted

After review of all qualifications, including fee proposals, the Farmington High School Building Committee reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or any part thereof, or waive defects in same, or accept any proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Farmington and Farmington Public Schools.

All questions or comments regarding this solicitation package must be submitted to Assistant Town Manager via email at krajewski@farmington-ct.org with the subject line: Professional Engineering Review Services. Questions must be submitted by Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 2:00 pm.
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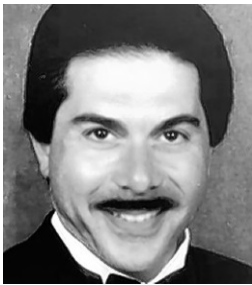
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OBITUARIES

Agnano, Charles "Chuck"



Charles "Chuck" Agnano died Monday, November 1, 2021, from Huntington's Disease, which had plagued him for the last 22 years. He was 72 years old.

He leaves his wife, Jacquelyn Coleman, a sister, Maryann Agnano Moreland and her husband Robert, his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Jennifer and Allan Kensel, his brother-in-law Gregory Coleman, his brother-in-law James Robbins, his niece Jennifer Robbins and his nephew Bryon Robbins and his family.

Chuck was pre-deceased by his mother and father Anna and Paul Agnano, and his sister Paulette Robbins.

In his last year, Chuck was comforted by Gracie, a sweet and loving rescued dog.

Chuck started his career as a disk jockey and radio program manager and eventually opened his own advertising and marketing firm. He served as President of the Advertising Club of Greater Hartford, and Vice President of the Wintonbury Land Trust. He was most proud of the years he spent on the Board of the Chrysalis Center, serving for several years, including a term as President.

The family wishes to thank these caregivers, who devoted so much attention to making Chuck's last years comfortable: Joyce, Patrick, Kira, Keith, Janet, Sylvia, Teddy, Rhoni, and Tara.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m. at the Chrysalis Center, Inc., 255 Homestead Avenue, Hartford, CT

Donations in Chuck's memory can be made by sending a check to: Chrysalis Center, Inc., 255 Homestead Avenue, Hartford, CT 06112 or by going online and clicking the donate button at www.ChrysalisCenterCT.org. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

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Banks, Rashad B.



Rashad B. Banks, 29, of Orlando, FL departed this life to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 31, 2021. Rashad was born on July 31, 1992 in Hartford, CT to the late Roderick B. Banks, Sr. and Veronica Mann (Bloomfield, CT). Left to cherish his memory and carry on his legacy are his mother, Veronica Mann; brother, Roderick Banks, Jr.; sisters, Tafaria Jackson and Anyce Banks; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 12:00PM at Phillips Metropolitan CME Church, 2500 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06120; with visitation from 10:00AM-12:00PM. To leave a message of comfort for the Banks family, view the full obituary, and live streamed service, please visit www.hkhfuneralservices.com



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Germano, Christine A.

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Christine A. on Nov. 8, 2021 of Kennett Square, formerly of Simsbury, CT. Survived by her sons Rick (Carole) of FL and Mark (Donna) of Mass., and her 3 grandchildren, Joseph, Lauren, and Danielle. Relatives & Friends are invited to her Funeral Mass on Friday Nov. 12th at 10 AM at. St. Patrick Church 212 Meredith Street Kennett Square PA 19348 Inurnment SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery 1600 Sproul Road Springfield. www.danjolell.com

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Harris, Carlton "Chucky"



Carlton "Chucky" Harris, 68, of Homestead Ave. in Hartford, CT, earned his wings and went home to be with the Lord on Friday, November 5, 2021. Chucky, a lifelong resident of Hartford, was born on December 19, 1953, to the late Melvin and Antoinette (Allen) Harris. Funeral services will be held at 11am on Friday, November 12, 2021, at the Carmon Community Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. The family will receive friends prior from 10am-11am. Interment will follow immediately after in Spring Grove Cemetery, Hartford. For online condolences and complete obituary, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Guzauckas, Rosann M.Cole



Rosann M. (Cole) Guzauckas, 87, of Wethersfield, passed away peacefully on Monday morning, November 8, 2021. She was a loving wife to her late husband Deacon Joe Guzauckas. Rosann is survived by her four daughters Theresa Guzauckas and partner Janine, Mary Fournier and partner Marilyn, Catherine Schultz and husband Gary, and Carol

Kavanagh and her husband Bill, along with her four grandchildren; Hannah and Benjamin Schultz, Olivia and Jenna Cardone. Rosann will be remembered most by her faith, hope and love. Her faith brought her to ministries of Eucharist minister along with feeding the homeless and prayer shawl knitting. Part of her faith was her devotion to praying the rosary daily and hope for the future. She especially found great joy in her grandchildren Hannah and Ben who absolutely adored her. Rosann cherished her time spent at Ferry Landing where she could find peace and feel the sunshine on her shoulders. Rosann enjoyed times spent with all of her family and friends including her niece Victoria Galo and her husband Zeke, celebrating joyous occasions. Rosann's selfless qualities were so powerful that they would make an impact on all those around her. Our family would like to thank the staff at Mapleview for the care and support Rosann received. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Our Lady of Calvary 31Colton Street, Farmington, CT 06032. The Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, November 11, at 11:30AM in Holy Spirit Church, Newington. Please meet directly at church. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. For online condolences please visit: www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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Latney, Darrell F.



Darrell Franklin Latney, 53, of Middletown, CT made his peaceful transition on Sunday, October 24, 2021. He was born on June 2, 1968, to the late Patricia Eileen Latney and the late Tyrone Alonzo Frances Ford. He was a graduate of Northwest Catholic High School in 1986. He also attended Porter and Chester Institute for auto mechanics. He was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church where he played the guitar and drums. Darrell is survived by four brothers, Tyrone Alonzo Frances Ford, Jr. (Ang) of Maryland, Pastor Alonzo Lawrence Ford (Tyiesha), Terry Player of North Carolina ,Pastor Darryl Ford (Tracy)of Albany, NY; one sister, Cammie Ford-Donnelly (John) of Schenectady, NY; two aunts, Lynn Johnson (Teddy) of Bloomfield, CT, Courtney Latney Collins of Manchester, CT; two uncles, James (Sandy) Latney of Hartford, CT, Alton Latney (Irma)of East Hartford, CT, his God Mother, Constance Wilson of Hartford; cousins, Devin Latney (Devon), Andre Latney, Lauren Latney, Gerald Cooper(Jen), Davita Cann, Sterling Scanlon, William (BJ) West, II, Sarita Collins, Chaniel Latney and Anthony Latney and a host of nieces, nephews, two god sisters and friends. Besides his parents, Darrell was predeceased by his grandparents, James and Sarah Latney and aunt, Edythe Latney. Homegoing Services will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at 10am at Shiloh Baptist Church, 350 Albany Avenue, Hartford, CT 06120; with visitation from 9am-10am. Interment will be at Cedar Hill Cemetery, 453 Fairfield Ave., Hartford, CT 06114. In lieu of flowers donations to The Shiloh Baptist Church Soup Kitchen. To leave a message of comfort for the Latney family, view the full obituary, and live streamed services, please visit www.hkhfuneralservices.com.



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McTeague, Gerald "Jerry"



Gerald "Jerry" McTeague, 85, of Ellington, beloved husband of 59 years to the late Valerie (Rubino) McTeague (2019), passed away peacefully at home on Monday, November 8, 2021. Jerry was born April 21, 1936 in Hartford. He enlisted in the Navy right after graduating from high school and served as a Chaplain's Assistant. Following his service in the Navy he started his



career in the floral business. He continued his career throughout the horticulture industry for 52 years. Flowers always remained a source of joy throughout his lifetime. Jerry held various positions throughout his career including being the founder of Jerry McTeague Florist in East Hartford. He was also known throughout his neighborhood to have the most impressive flowers on the street and he took pride and joy in people admiring his displays. Jerry enjoyed playing golf, attending to his garden, and heading to the horseraces with his lifelong friends. His greatest pleasure though was spending time and laughing with his very close-knit family. He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Colleen and Greg Nicoletti of Ellington, Kelly and Louis Senatro of Thompson's Station, TN, Kerry and Jae Lorenzet of Ellington, and Kate Dougherty and her husband Steve of Ellington. Best known by his family as Papa, he leaves behind nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Jerry Miceli and his wife Lauren Davis and their daughter Claire, Amelia Luginbuhl and her husband Brad, Benjamin Lorenzet, Emily Lorenzet and her husband Rob Zielinski, Justin and Megan Nicoletti, and Brendan, Kallie, and Zak Dougherty. He also leaves behind two very special friends James Murphy and Pat Buzzelle. His family will receive friends for memorial calling hours on Friday, November 12th from 2 – 5 p.m. at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Road (Route 83), Vernon, followed by a Celebration of Life Service beginning at 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Jerry's name may be made to the Crystal Lake Food Pantry, 278 Sandy Beach Road, Ellington, CT 06029. For online condolences and guest book, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Chamberland, Theresa



Theresa (Cote) Chamberland, of Newington, was called home to God earlier this year on August 31, 2021. Theresa was a very loving and devoted mother and grandmother who always put others before herself. She lived in Newington for over 55 years and was a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Newington. She spent decades employed by the Newington Public School system working in the cafeteria. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard J. Chamberland and her son, Craig Chamberland. Theresa is survived by her son, Alan J. Chamberland and his wife Anna Chamberland of Mesa, AZ, her daughter Stacy Fox and her husband Terrence of Ellington; her grandchildren, Michelle Evans of Gilbert, AZ, Matthew Chamberland, his wife Ashley and their son Greyson of Lampasas, TX, Steven Chamberland and his fiancé Jillian Cresta of Wakefield, MA, Nicole and Ryan Chamberland of Rocky Hill, and Alexandra and Derek Fox of Ellington. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held DIRECTLY at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 183 Church Street, Newington, on Saturday November 13th, at 10:00 a.m. Theresa will be lovingly laid to rest privately in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Bristol. In lieu of flowers, Theresa requested that donations be made to Semper Fi Fund, <http://semperfi-fund.org/donate/>. To share a memory with Theresa's family, please visit us at www.duksa.net. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial Funeral Home, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington is serving Theresa's family.



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Conklin, Carol K.



Carol K. Conklin, loving wife, sister, mother, aunt, cousin, grandmother, great grandmother, friend, teacher, and "plumheart," passed away at her home in Clinton after a brief illness on Saturday, November 6, 2021. During her final weeks, days, and hours on this earth, Carol was surrounded by the love, prayers, and support of her beloved family and friends and sustained by her trust and understanding of God's eternal love. Carol was a lifelong learner, educator, and artist. Raised in a loving Polish American family in New Britain, CT she graduated from Teachers College of Connecticut and taught in the Clinton, New Britain, and Old Saybrook public schools for several years in the 1950s and early 1960s before bringing her talents as an educator and woman of faith to the religious education program at St. Mary's of the Visitation as a coordinator and director. After her retirement from St. Mary's in 1996, Carol enjoyed painting, drawing, and photography, studying Spanish, traveling, and spending time with friends and family, especially her beloved grandchildren. Carol was deeply devoted to her family. She leaves behind her beloved husband of 65 years, Walter; children Michael (Mary) Conklin, Kristin Conklin, and Stacey Russell (Stephen); grandchildren Sarah Peterson (Jeff), Grace Conklin (Denis Vlahovic), Ross Conklin (Michelle Funk), Geoffrey Conklin, Tyler Kynn (Jamie), Carl Moon (Mimi Hacking), Ally Russell (Luke McCarthy), and Michael Russell; and great-grandchildren Lila and Flynn Peterson as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, all of whom she cherished. She joins her mother, Mary Gawelek Kulak, and father, Joseph S. Kulak, brothers Joe and Rob Kulak, and sister Leone Griffith, who all preceded her in death to their new life. Calling hours will be held at Swan Funeral Home, 80 East Main Street, Clinton, on Friday, November 12, from 4 to 8 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church of the Visitation, 54 Grove Street, Clinton, on Saturday, November 13, at 11 am. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Carol's memory to St. Mary's Church, the Henry Carter Hull Library of Clinton, or Masonicare Home Health and Hospice.

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DiCioccio, Donata (DiPietro)



Donata (DiPietro) DiCioccio, Rina to her friends, passed away peacefully on November 8th, 2021. She was the beloved wife of late Aldo DiCioccio. Donata was born in Pratola Peligna a town in the Province of L'Aquila in the Abruzzo region of Italy, on September 28, 1941 to the late Franco and Elisa (DiCristoforo) DiPietro. Donata was a lifelong resident

of the town Newington who owned her own custom window treatment business until her retirement. Her passion throughout her life was cooking and baking with many a Sunday dinner and time enjoyed with family and friends. Donata enjoyed watching her grandchildren play sports and perform in concert, along with attending live theater shows with her children. Donata leaves two sons, Anthony DiCioccio and his wife Pamela of Kensington and Rinaldo DiCioccio and his wife Kimberly of Rocky Hill. Donata is also survived by two grandchildren, Daniel DiCioccio and Caitlyn DiCioccio of Kensington. In addition, she leaves a brother and sister-in-law; Giovanni and Perla DiPietro and their two children Franco and Paulo of San Juan PR. Donata will be missed by her dear friends Dina Pizzoferrato, Lucia Pizzoferrato, and Iole Lucente who visited her near daily. Donata and her family would like to thank Shannon Lane and the rest of her care team who provided comfort, support, and encouragement of her over the past several months. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Thursday, November 11th, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Newington. She will be laid to rest with her husband in West Meadow Cemetery, Newington. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Annunciation Parish, 626 Willard Avenue, Newington, CT 06111. To share a memory with her family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Melendez, Ana L.

Ana L. Melendez, 95, of Hartford, passed away peacefully Saturday, November 6th, 2021 at her home. She is survived by her two daughters, Maria and Olga LeBron, several grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Home, 180 Farmington Ave., Hartford on Thursday (Nov. 11) from 8:30-9:30am. Funeral procession from The Ahern Funeral Home will be at 9:30am followed by the Funeral Liturgy in Maria Reina De La Paz Parish on the St. Lawrence O'Toole Campus, 494 New Britain Ave., Hartford. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery, Hartford. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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James, Robert A.



Robert A. James, 74 of Windsor passed away November 2, 2021. Born in Rhode Island and predeceased by his Mother Gloria Wilson and Brother, Victor James. Bob was a Navy Veteran and served in Vietnam. Drawing, reading and horticulture were his main interests. He leaves his Daughter, Daysha James; Granddaughter, Ireland Andrews; Nieces, Darlene

Napolitano, Denise Mikalonis and sister in law Diane James. Services will be private.



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McMeans, Phyllis A.



Minister Phyllis Ann McMeans passed away Nov. 5, 2021 surrounded by loving family and friends. Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 12, 2021 at 9:30 am with the funeral service at 11:00 am at Hopewell Baptist Church 280 Windsor Ave., Windsor, CT. To view full obituary, please visit, www.carmon-funeralhome.com



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O'Neill, Desmond

Desmond O'Neill, 56, of Manchester, passed away on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at St. Francis Hospital with his loving wife of 32 years, Lise (Hendsey) by his side. Besides his wife Lise, he is survived by his brothers Leonard O'Neill and his wife Melanie, of Monterey California, and Thomas "Brian" O'Neill and Nancy Walts of Middletown, CT; his nephews Joseph Berube his wife Carrie, and Thomas Berube and his wife Summer, as well as his grandnieces and nephews Seamus, Neave, Cullen and Finn; his niece Cailan O'Neill Piantek of Higganum, CT, and Erin, Conor and Kate O'Neill of Monterey, CA. He is predeceased by his sister Joan O'Neill Berube and his parents Thomas and Bridget (McGrath) O'Neill. Family and friends may call on the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., Manchester, on Friday, November 12, 2021, from 4-7 pm. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 11:00 am at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 41 Park St., Manchester. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to either Mission Wolf or Trustees of Reservations, Martha's Vineyard. For online condolences, and full obituary please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.



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Panek, William D.



William D. Panek, 89, of Glastonbury passed away on Thursday, November 4, 2021. He was the beloved husband of Ann (Monaco) Panek for sixty-five years. Born in New London, Bill was the son of the late Anna Panek. He was raised in Norwich and graduated from Norwich Free Academy where he excelled at both baseball and basketball.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. Bill married Ann in 1956 and was a Glastonbury resident for over sixty-five years. He worked at the MDC as a Title Searcher for his entire career, retiring in 1997. Bill was a very active member of the Property Owners Club, Riverfront Community Center, St. Paul Church, as well as St. Paul Men's Club where he enjoyed Tuesday BINGO night with his friends. He was also an AARP member, where he and Ann took advantage of many day trips. Bill was an avid NY Yankees fan, attending yearly games with his grandsons and always making a stop at Modern Apizza in New Haven on the ride home. He was a huge supporter of UCONN Men's & Women's basketball, going to many games throughout the years. Bill organized and attended many bus trips to the casino where he loved playing slots and using his free vouchers. Bill and Ann routinely went to McDonald's for breakfast, chatting all morning with friends from their senior group. On the weekends, you would find them at the Glastonbury Coffee Shop or Ken's Corner. What Bill enjoyed the most was watching his two grandsons grow up throughout the years. He would attend all of their sporting events, cheering them on from youth through high school. Besides his wife Ann, he leaves behind his only daughter Diane and son-in-law Hans Kretzmer of Glastonbury, grandchildren Nicholas Kretzmer and his wife Amanda and Daniel Kretzmer, all of Glastonbury. He also leaves many adoring relatives and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 10:00 am at Ss. Isidore and Maria Parish at St. Paul Church, 2577 Main St., Glastonbury. Burial will be in Neipsic Cemetery. Friends may call on Friday, November 12, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Parish of Saints Isidore and Maria or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com



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Vallario, Josephine (Capobianco)

Josephine (Capobianco) Vallario, 94, beloved wife of Vincent Peter Vallario, Sr. for 71 years, passed away peacefully on November 5, 2021. Josephine was born on November 6, 1927 in Hartford and was the daughter of the late Marciano and Mary Capobianco. She lived in East Hartford for many years.

Besides her husband, she is survived by her sons and their spouses, Marc Vallario (Susan), Vincent Vallario (Sandra), and her daughter Lynn Vallario. She also leaves her five grandsons and their spouses, David (Megan), Peter (Sara), Matthew (Caitlin), Jason and Tyler along with six great-grandchildren, Emily, Alice, Sophia, Julia, Luca and Jack.

There will be no calling hours, burial will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the donor's choice. The D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements. For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoe.com



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Murphy, Maryanne (Stadnicki)



Maryanne Stadnicki Murphy, 89, passed away at home on Monday, November 8 after a long illness. She is survived by her beloved children Kevin (Colleen), Janine (Dean) Kyburz, Peter, and Trace (Amy); grandchildren Aubrey, Max, Casey, Mariel (Tim), Maggie (Scott), Shannon, Haley, Luke, Jack, and Charlie; great-grandsons Owen and Jayden; and her dearly loved nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends. She was predeceased by her husband Thomas, brother Jack, and sister Natalie. Maryanne was born January 6, 1932 in Shamokin, PA to the late John & Agnes Stadnicki. She graduated from Geisinger Hospital Nursing School in 1952 and then served as a stewardess for American Airlines, based in Dallas and later in Boston. It was in Boston that she met Thomas J. Murphy, who had just begun his career in educational publishing with McGraw-Hill. They married in 1956 and as their family grew and opportunities changed, they went on to live in New York, New Jersey, and Missouri. After moving to Connecticut, she continued her education at Fairfield University and received her BSN in 1986. Central to Maryanne's life was family, intellectual curiosity, her heritage as a Polish-American, and most importantly her faith. The local parish in each place she lived was an extension of home and family, and personal devotions were her source of strength. To the many people whose lives she touched, Maryanne will always be remembered for her unshakable love for all people and for her quiet - sometimes silent - acts of generosity and compassion. Funeral services for Maryanne will be held Friday (Nov. 12) starting at 9AM from the Farrell Funeral Home, 110 Franklin Sq. New Britain followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10AM at St. Paul's Church, 485 Alling St. Berlin. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, 1141 Stanley St. New Britain. Visitation will be held Thurs (Nov. 11) from 5:00 - 7:00PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations in Maryanne's memory may be made to Hartford HealthCare at Home, Hospice Care at 1290 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109 or <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/502445>. To send a condolence, please visit, www.FarrellFuneralHome.com



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Parent, Glenn R.



Glenn R. Parent passed away peacefully at home after a courageous battle with lymphoma. He was born in Hartford, the son of Alphonse and Jane (Shannon) Parent and was a lifelong resident of Rocky Hill. He was a 1968 graduate of Rocky Hill High school where he met his beloved wife of 49 years, Rosemary (Dagata) Parent. He worked for Rocky Hill Public Works Department for 33 years retiring as the Director. He was active in many areas of the community. He was a volunteer for the Rocky Hill Fire Department, served on the Rocky Hill Board of Education and chairman of the Rocky Hill Democratic Town Committee. He was a "Friend of Bill's" and helped many people in their recovery. In addition to his wife, he leaves his son Stephen and wife Meghan (Zabel) Parent of Unionville and daughters, Rebecca Parent and fiancé Darren Smedick of Middletown and Monique (Parent) LaFave and was predeceased by son in law Jeff LaFave of Rocky Hill. He was the adored Papa of Gabrielle and Jase LaFave and Landon, Logan and Lincoln Parent. His favorite days were spending time with his grandchildren in his pool. He also leaves his sister Kathleen Bergman of North Carolina, Paul and wife Candy Parent of Glastonbury and David and wife Rachel Parent of East Hampton and many nieces and nephews. The family thanks the Rocky Hill Ambulance Association and the Hartford Healthcare Hospice team. In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to the Lymphoma Society. Calling hours will be Friday, November 12, 2021 from 5 to 8pm at the Dillon Baxter Funeral Home, 1276 Berlin Tpke. Wethersfield, CT 06109. The funeral will be private. To share a memory with the family, please visit www.dillonbaxter.com



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Quinn, Jr., Joseph J. 'Jack'



Joseph "Jack" J. Quinn, Jr., 85, of Suffield, beloved husband of Corrine (Lisi) Quinn, died peacefully Sunday, November 7, 2021 after a long illness surrounded by his family. Born November 6, 1936 in Hartford son of the late Joseph J. and Mary Mae (Drohan) Quinn. Joseph was employed by the State of CT, Department of Transportation for 37 years before retiring. He has been involved in state and local politics his entire life serving on the Democratic Town Committee and attending many State Conventions. He spent many years before and after retirement serving on various commissions and boards in Suffield including the WPCA, Police Commission and Heritage Committee. He also served as a selectman. Jack was always busy and spent many holidays working at the Rosebud Florist in West Hartford starting as a delivery boy before he became a full member of the floral team. In more recent years, he worked holidays at Vinnie's Little Acre in Windsor Locks creating arrangements and telling stories. At home, he enjoyed mowing his lawn, driving his truck, smoking his cigars and enjoying time with his family. Besides Corrine, his wife of 62 years, he is survived by his three children, Katherine A. Quinn of Farmington, Joseph J. Quinn, III of Enfield, Lisa Milanovich and her husband, Dennis of Ellington; four grandchildren, Jacob Christopher Quinn, Hannah Katherine Quinn, Madison Mae Milanovich, Caroline Marie Milanovich; a great grandchild, Jackson Henry Quinn. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins. His family will receive friends on Thursday, November 11, 2021 from 4-7 PM at Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home, 443 East St. N. (Rt. 159), Suffield. Family and friends may gather Friday, November 12, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the funeral home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Church, Suffield. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Suffield. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011. To leave on-line condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Shonty, Mary M. Massaro



Mary M. (Massaro) Shonty passed away Saturday, October 30, 2021 at the age of 91. She was born July 13, 1930 in Hartford, daughter to the late Peter and Mary (DiPietro) Massaro. Mary and her loving husband of 54 years, the late Sal R. Shonty, raised their family in East Hartford and later retired to Boynton Beach, FL. They are now together again in the arms of our Lord. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Mary is survived by her loving children; son Richard Shonty of South Windsor; daughter, Mary A. Shonty of Lake Worth, FL; and son Jeffrey Shonty, with his wife Frances, of Las Vegas, NV. In addition, she leaves her adored grandchildren, Matthew with his wife Julie, of Ellington, Stephen with his wife Ashley, of Vernon, Michael with his wife Nicole, of Chanhassen MN, Heather Shonty of West Hartford, and Sarah Shonty of Pembroke Pines, FL; and five cherished great grandchildren. The family will receive relatives and friends Friday, November 12, 2021 at D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St., East Hartford, from 12 to 1 p.m. at which time a Remembrance Service will be celebrated. At a later date, a Memorial Service will be held when Mary and Sal are reunited in Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery, Royal Palm Beach, FL. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Dr., Wallingford, CT 06492. To extend online expressions of sympathy, please visit desopoe.com.



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Yates, Pamela "Pam" Gail

Pamela Gail Yates, 63, died of complications from Alzheimer's disease on November 2, 2021. Pam is survived by her twin daughter and son, Ella and Max, both of Lake Forest, IL, who were the true joys of her life. Her beloved spouse, Lora Sielatycki Yates, predeceased her in 2017.

Pamela was born in Hartford, Connecticut. She graduated from Bristol Eastern High School, earned a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Connecticut, and an M.S. in Environmental Safety and Health from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. She had an accomplished career in the field of environmental and occupational health and safety, which took her all over the world. She was last employed at Linde PLC as North American Head of Health and Hygiene. Pam and Lora shared a passion for travel with Max and Ella and they took unique trips that reflected the family's curiosity for the world and nature's beauty. Their camping trip to Alaska several years ago, included a visit to the North Pole on a small prop plane, a hike on a glacier, and Iditarod dog sledding. Pam was also a passionate UConn Huskies basketball fan, and enjoyed blues and jazz music, summer music festivals, and dancing and singing to the songs of NRBQ, one of her favorite bands.

In recent years, Pam was especially grateful for the loving care provided to Max and Ella by Sara and Bob Smith, and the selfless support offered to her from Lora's sister, Vicki Niswander. A note of gratitude is also extended by her family to the staff of Green Oaks Senior Living; especially to Jennifer in the Memory Care unit, with whom a loving bond was developed. Her parents, David and Maureen Yates of Bristol, CT, predeceased Pam in death. She is survived by her siblings Kenneth of Groveland, MA; Gregory and his wife, Kris of Bristol, CT; Gerald and his wife, Colleen of Simsbury, CT; and Rose Yates of West Newbury, MA. Six Yates nieces and nephews, and Lora's extended family of siblings, nieces, and nephews, with whom she nurtured deep and loving relationships, also survive Pam. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 13 at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 400 East Westminster Rd, Lake Forest, IL 60045. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the Alzheimer's Foundation, alzfdn.org. Arrangements coordinated by Wenban Funeral Home, 320 Vine Street, Lake Forest, IL, www.wenbanfh.com or (847) 234-0022.

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Lawmakers target mental health crisis

But with hospitals statewide overwhelmed with children seeking care, solutions remain unclear

By Eliza Fawcett
Hartford Courant

State lawmakers moved toward “concrete” solutions to address the pediatric behavioral health crisis in Connecticut during a legislative forum in Hartford on Tuesday, but immediate steps to reduce the backlog in hospitals across the state have yet to materialize.

House Speaker Matt Ritter, D-Hartford, who convened the forum, described the state’s pedi-

atric mental health crisis as “one of the more critical issues that we have to address.”

“We do anticipate having results ... to have a bill, something that is concrete,” Ritter said at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford on Tuesday morning.

As more children in acute mental health distress seek care — a trend which began before the COVID-19 pandemic, but was severely exacerbated by it — hospital leaders across the state say their



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institutions remain overwhelmed, in many cases unable to efficiently provide care and discharge children.

“Children need more services. They are sicker,” said Dr. Linda Mayes, the chief of child psychiatry at Yale New Haven Children’s

Hospital. “They are staying in the health system longer and in our treatment system longer, which creates a backlog.”

The immediacy of the crisis was not lost on legislators, who expressed their commitment to rolling out short- and long-term solutions. But what, exactly, those solutions will be remains unclear. Lawmakers said that they were in the initial stages of addressing the issue and would be soliciting additional recommendations from providers and experts as they turn toward drafting legislation.

“If the funding was put in place today, if we dropped the money

on you today, because the crisis is right now ... what could we do today that would make a difference in the lives of these children and their families?” Rep. Tammy Exum asked providers near the end of the session.

Providers and state commissioners who spoke at the forum made many of the same recommendations as they have during previous discussions in the past month, including at a forum convened by the state legislature’s children’s committee. The solutions raised include relieving

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Positive test rate ticking back up

Highest level since September; hospital cases also on the rise

By Alex Puterman
Hartford Courant

Connecticut’s COVID-19 positivity rate has increased in recent days, state numbers show, reaching its highest level in six weeks.

The number of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Connecticut has risen as well, in a possible sign of the cold-weather uptick some experts warned was coming.

Gov. Ned Lamont acknowledged the increases Tuesday during an event in New Britain but said he hopes Connecticut’s high rate of vaccination will prevent a serious surge.

“Each of these waves has been much less than the one before it because Connecticut continues to do the right thing,” Lamont said. “I’m sure we’re going to be much less impacted than we were a year ago, but we’re still watching.”

Cases and positivity rate: Connecticut reported 309 new COVID-19 cases on Tuesday, out of 9,578 tests administered, for a daily test positivity rate of 3.23% — the highest one-day total since Sept. 7. The state’s weekly COVID-19 positivity rate now stands at 2.16%, the highest it has been since Sept. 29.

Connecticut has averaged 342 daily COVID-19 cases over the past week, about even with the prior seven-day period. Unvaccinated residents have been about five times as likely to test positive as vaccinated residents, according to state numbers.

As of Tuesday, Windham County continued to record “high” levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the federal

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Retired Hartford Deputy Fire Chief Leigh Shapiro, from left, and firefighter Ashley Shapiro, his son, stand with Hartford Fire Chief Rodney Barco outside the South Green fire station on Monday. **REBECCA LURYE/HARTFORD COURANT**

RETURN OF THE HARTFORD HOOK

Firefighter reproduces old-school tools for city’s fire department

By Rebecca Lurye | Hartford Courant

More than a decade ago, Hartford Fire Department rookie Ashley Shapiro was sitting in the South Green fire station waiting for the next call when his captain dropped a rusty, sickle-shaped blade on his desk.

“I hear you like this tool,” Tom Dalton told Shapiro, a history buff who had recently arrived at Engine Company 1 Ladder 6. “Here’s the head. Play around with it.”

Dalton had brought Shapiro an original Hartford hook, forged as early as the 1920s in the department’s original machine shop

behind their Main Street fire station. It had been a decade or two since Hartford firefighters had carried the tool, though it was once so widely used a stone carving of the hook embellishes the bay doors of the century-old firehouse.

Now, Shapiro is bringing back a modern version of the capital city’s unique fire hook. On Monday, the 14-year veteran gave the fire department six new Hartford hooks produced by his company, Capital City Fire Helmets, which crafts and restores custom, retro fire helmets.

The Hartford hook had always featured heavily in the stories Shapiro’s father told him when the elder firefighter came home from his shifts smelling of smoke. The tool

was especially useful for pulling apart plaster walls and punching through tin ceilings in search of pockets of flames, and firefighters felt pride in using something designed and hand-built by an earlier generation of Hartford Fire Department machinists.

Today, a black-and-white photo from the 1980s, now hanging in Engine Company 1, shows a mustached Leigh Shapiro standing with the half-moon hook in hand.

When Ashley Shapiro first reported for work himself at Engine Company 1, he immediately looked for a Hartford hook, but all he found were the two-pronged

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Finally, ‘Pep’ filming underway

West Hartford home, St. Francis transformed in boxing legend biopic

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

An ambulance parked outside St. Francis Hospital in Hartford was creating a stir Monday — TV cameras gathered, staff peered out windows and people on the street stopped to stare. The ambulance, a cherry red 1968 Cadillac, was parked alongside several other vintage cars on Woodland Street to set the scene for the filming of “Pep,” a biopic of Connecticut boxing icon Willie Pep.

After years of delays, the film got underway in Hartford on Nov. 1, then stopped by to film a few scenes outside St. Francis Hospital on Monday before moving on to a house in West Hartford, where crews will be for the rest of the week. Next week, the filmmakers will be at the Hartford Club among other city locations.



Set decorator Taylor Barry walks the grounds of a West Hartford home on Raymond Road for the film “Pep.” **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

“Pep” writer and producer Steve Loff says he first scouted the hospital location three years ago. Not much had to be done to make St. Francis look like it was the mid-1960s. The thrift shop’s sign was covered up.

The performers in the scene:

James Madio as Pep, Shari Albert as his sister Fran and Imma Aiello as his mother, all wore vintage clothing.

While most of the actors in the film hail from New York or

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Victorious Stewart sets sights on schools

In New Britain, system ‘simply has to change’

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Amid the traditional promises of fresh starts and renewed determination, New Britain Mayor Erin Stewart used her inaugural speech Tuesday to call out her target for the next term: the city’s struggling schools.

“While there’s so much greatness happening in our city, our school system continues to underperform when compared to the rest of the state,” she said. “It simply has to change.”

Addressing more than 200 cheering supporters in front of city hall, Stewart made clear that she’s expecting changes in the local education system.

Stewart, who won a fifth term last week, reminded the audience that her fellow Republicans also took a supermajority on the council while gaining seats on the

school board.

“The results of last Tuesday gave both our city government and the board of education a mandate to do everything within our respective powers to turn around our schools,” she said. “That means having some difficult conversations and accepting the reality that throwing more money at the problem simply isn’t enough.”

Stewart stopped short of naming Superintendent Nancy Sarra or her senior administrators, but has publicly clashed with them before over school discipline, education funding and standardized test results.

Democratic leaders in New Britain have criticized Stewart for years for flat funding the annual education budget again and again, leaving the city as the second

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Teen arrested in Middletown shootout that left man dead

By Zach Murdock
Hartford Courant

A teen boy was arrested last week in connection with the dramatic May shootout that left one man dead and another wounded in Middletown, sparking a multi-state investigation that has involved secret GPS trackers and elaborate federal surveillance this summer.

The teen is the fifth to be arrested in connection with the murder of 25-year-old Tylon Hardy, who was shot and killed the morning of May 16 when a furious confrontation boiled over into an exchange of gunfire outside a Stirling Court home.

The teen, who was not named publicly because he was 17 years old at the time of the incident and is being charged as a juvenile, is accused of opening fire during the shootout, Middletown police said Monday night.

He is not accused of firing the shots that killed Hardy but has been charged with attempt to commit first-degree assault, reckless endangerment, unlawful discharge of a firearm and carrying a handgun without a permit, Middletown police said. He was transported to juvenile detention and released after posting bond.

Late this summer investigators charged 20-year-old Matthew O'Banner with Hardy's murder after federal agents secretly tracked his mother's car to a hideout in New Jersey while he spent months on the lam after detectives learned his mother and girlfriend allegedly conspired to cover up his involvement in the shooting, court records revealed in August.

The shootout began after 21-year-old Nahkyn Durazzo told O'Banner he and several associates were "pulling up" to O'Banner's house to fight over some kind of dispute between the men, according to previous court records.

Instead, O'Banner stormed out of the house and opened fire on the crowd gathering in the intersection outside his home, prompting several others — allegedly including the teen arrested last week — to return fire, video from nearby security cameras showed. Hardy was killed and a 17-year-old boy was injured, but police have not said whether the teen arrested last week was the same one wounded that day.

Security cameras inside the house captured O'Banner's mother, 54-year-old Michelle Sanders, and his girlfriend, 21-year-old Alexandra Vazquez, discussing how

they could potentially cover up O'Banner's involvement immediately after the shooting. Both were later charged with interfering with police and Sanders also was charged with tampering with evidence, hindering prosecution and drug possession.

O'Banner initially planned to turn himself in to police at the end of May but instead disappeared until U.S. Marshals placed a secret GPS tracker in his mother's car at an Audi service center and tracked her trips to an apartment in North Bergen, New Jersey, court records show. Agents set up surveillance at the apartment and arrested O'Banner there in early August.

O'Banner was charged with murder, first-degree assault and four other offenses. He has pleaded not guilty to those charges and remains in custody on a \$2 million bond. Sanders also pleaded not guilty and both she and Vazquez have been released from custody, court records show.

Durazzo was arrested in June on a litany of unrelated drug charges after leading police on a pursuit. He has pleaded not guilty to those charges.

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Erin Stewart was inaugurated Tuesday in downtown New Britain for her fifth term as mayor. **DON STACOM/HARTFORD COURANT**

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worst community in the state for per pupil spending. Republicans counter that the New Britain schools' worst-in-Connecticut rankings in several academic assessments prove the current system isn't working.

"We need a comprehensive plan that fundamentally changes the way that education is delivered in the city. I want to be part of shaping that plan," Stewart said. "I want smart, outside-of-the-box thinkers to also be part of shaping that plan."

She specifically said Democratic state Rep. Bobby Sanchez should have a role in steering the change.

Sanchez, chairman of the General Assembly's Education Committee, was Stewart's opponent in last week's election. He did not attend her inauguration Tuesday.

Stewart did not offer specifics for what she'd have the schools do differently, and state law sharply limits the direct power that mayors have in education. Unlike nearly all other parts of local government, the schools are considered a branch of the state and are managed solely by school boards and their superintendents.

Sarra did not attend most of Stewart's ceremony, but arrived later and talked with the mayor alongside the stage. They agreed

to meet — probably with their senior advisors — this winter.

Both said they would be receptive to hearing fresh ideas.

"We are problem-solvers by nature. I'm always open to having different points of view at the table," Sarra said. "For me, it's always bipartisan when we talk about the kids. I'm glad the campaign is over so now everyone can have a laser-like focus on students."

Stewart said "We have to be ready to learn and to listen. That has to go both ways, though. We've got different ways of getting at the same goal. There's got to be no room for butting heads."

The relationship between Sarra and Stewart has been strained in the past two years, but hasn't devolved to the animosity that existed between the mayor and Kelt Cooper, the previous superintendent.

In her speech, Stewart promised the city that she'll continue working to refurbish the park system, upgrade sewers and other

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— Superintendent Nancy Sarra

utilities, and seek new economic development initiatives.

Council Majority Leader Kristian Rosado, who didn't seek reelection, urged the new council to work together. Democrats have just three seats; the Republican caucus has 12.

"Approach things humbly — if you are not willing to learn, no one can help you," Rosado said. "If you are willing to learn, no one can stop you."



Leigh Shapiro, far left, holds a Hartford hook — used for tearing through walls and ceilings to find pockets of fire — in a photo from the 1980s that hangs on a wall in Hartford's South Green fire station. **HARTFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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variety developed in New York in the 1940s.

It was a blow to Shapiro, who was already lamenting the plain helmet he was issued, which Shapiro thought was inferior in look, feel and fit to the leather one his father had once worn.

But his nostalgia was encouraged by his captain, Dalton, who brought Shapiro the weathered, steel head of an original Hartford hook. Shapiro bought a new wood handle, bolted the thing together and brought it on his next call, where he was promptly told off for carrying equipment that nobody else recognized.

The rookie wasn't deterred. "I got yelled at for trying to use it, but I didn't care," he said Monday.



Ashley Shapiro, a firefighter of 14 years, holds an original Hartford hook head that he bolted to a new handle. **REBECCA LURYE/ COURANT**

"I kept using it. It worked."

In 2010, Shapiro started Capital City Fire Helmets to recreate old-school helmets for buyers

who shared his preference for all things old-school. For help, he brought on his father, who retired as a deputy chief after 28 years with the department, and retired deputy chief Richard Driscoll, who served 26 years.

This year, they produced their new Hartford hooks, which also feature finger grooves and a metal cap that allows the end of the handle to be used as a battering ram.

"It's a very effective tool," Hartford Fire Chief Rodney Barco said Monday as he accepted the donation from the Shapiros and Driscoll.

"We have historians among us but these gentlemen took it a step beyond," Barco said. "They have brought back the Hartford hook."

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pressure on emergency departments by expanding mobile crisis units and intensive outpatient programs; deepening investments in the behavioral health care workforce; and expanding school-based mental health resources, among others.

Patricia Rehmer, a senior vice president at Hartford HealthCare, emphasized during the forum that the inability to attract and retain staff is a "huge" issue within the larger behavioral health crisis.

"We really have to stop talking about doing something about the workforce and start doing something about it," she told legislators.

Ideas that have been previously raised to recruit and support behavioral health workers include providing incentives like student loan repayment, expediting the licensing process of clinicians, and increasing wages across the board.

Other providers stressed the need for expanding the system of outpatient services available to children, so that hospitals can efficiently care for and discharge patients, freeing up beds for new patients.

Dr. Michael Dewberry, the medical director at the Institute of Living in Hartford, told legislators that expanding the system of outpatient services available children, including intensive outpatient programs, in-home services and school resources, is a critical way to relieve pressure on emergency departments.

"We very often have children who are waiting in an inpatient psych hospital beyond what's medically necessary simply because we simply don't have a safe place for them to go after," Dewberry said.

Mayes, of Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, also stressed the need to make deeper investments in school-based mental health care and to expand capacity in intensive outpatient and partial outpatient programs.

The state Department of Children and Families has already begun tackling the crisis, in part through initiatives funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, commissioner Vannessa Dorantes told lawmakers. Along with the Department of Social Services, DCF has created a 12-position intensive care management team



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to improve the throughputs of acute levels of care, and the department is working toward expanding mobile psychiatric care in the state to 24/7 capacity. Longer-term solutions include the creation of an urgent care center to divert children from the emergency department.

Sarah Eagan, the state child advocate, called for a strategic plan on insurance and Medicaid reimbursement rates for behavioral health care, an actionable plan on supporting the mental health care workforce, an enforcement framework for parity, and an expansion of school-based mental health services.

"Not a week goes by [without hearing] from a family with a 12-year-old child with just morbid depression and suicidality, released from a hospital, back home, with a waiting list," she said. "That happens all the time. Waiting list, waiting list, waiting list. People cannot leave the hospital. We wouldn't treat cardiac care that way, but we treat mental health crisis that way, and we can fix that."

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, while Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Tolland counties had "substantial" levels of transmission. Fairfield County had only "moderate" transmission, meaning that residents there are not advised to wear masks indoors.

Hospitalizations: As of Tuesday, Connecticut has 232 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, up 25 from Monday and the most at a time since Oct. 19. Hospitalizations have been mostly flat since late September, following a late-summer surge.

Hospital officials say the vast majority of those hospitalized with serious COVID-19 symptoms are unvaccinated.

Deaths: Connecticut reports

new COVID-19 deaths once a week, on Thursdays. Last week, the state reported 25 additional COVID-19 deaths over the past week, bringing its total during the pandemic to 8,776.

The United States has now recorded 756,454 deaths related to COVID-19, according to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center.

Vaccinations: As of Tuesday, 80.1% of all Connecticut residents and 91.8% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 71.1% of all residents and 81.6% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Additionally, 14.3% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents have received a booster dose.

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'Pep'

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Hollywood, Aiello is local talent: She is well-known in Hartford for having run Aiello's Kitchen restaurant and catering service on Wethersfield Avenue.

The owner of the ambulance, Clark Hurlburt, of Bethany, said it originally was in service at a hospital in Green Bank, New Jersey. "I've had it for years. I finally got to use it in a film."

"Pep," written by Loff and directed by Robert Kolodny, is about the two-time world featherweight champion boxer Willie Pep, born Guglielmo Papaleo in Middletown in 1922. The peak of his career was in the 1940s, but the film is set as he is emerging from retirement in the mid-60s, amid some personal crises and family difficulties.

Pep actually lived in Hartford's South End during the '60s, but Loff said the production team is "doing that movie magic," having found an unoccupied house not far away that fit the bill.

"The home was in disrepair," Loff said, "so we were allowed to make renovations that made it look more like the 1960s."

Production designer Sonia Foltarz and her crew has spent the last several weeks in the house preparing it for the shoot.

Some exterior scenes will be shot on McKinley Street in Hartford so that the West Hartford house will appear to be in the South End.

"Hartford has been great to us," Loff said. "The mayor and the governor both visited the set on Friday. So did the director of the Connecticut Film Office."

Monday was the sixth day of "Pep"'s 18-day shooting schedule. Loff says he has only been doing minor rewrites of the screenplay and that there have been no surprises or setbacks while filming. The film's relatively low budget requires maximum efficiency.

"Like Willie Pep says," Loff says, "we just keep punching."

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ELECTION 2022

After some delay, Lamont ‘ready to go’



Gov. Ned Lamont talks with Newington High School student Alex Freeman during a news conference last week. Lamont confirmed Tuesday that he plans to run for reelection. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

With sights set on reelection, governor hoping to build on ‘extraordinary progress’ of last 3 years

By Daniela Altamari
Hartford Courant

The slow-motion rollout of Gov. Ned Lamont’s reelection plans continued Tuesday when the first-term chief executive acknowledged that he is now “ready to go” with another campaign. On Monday he filed formal papers for his reelection campaign but declined to go all-in when asked during a visit to Ansonia whether he was running. On Tuesday at a stop at a school in New Britain he offered a little more clarity. “I love the job. I think we’re making a difference,” he said. “I just didn’t want to get tied down in the politics of it for the next six months,

so I kept it a little ambiguous. “I’m ready to go.” Asked why he’s running again, the governor said, “I think we’ve made extraordinary progress over the last three years. We had moving vans leaving the state, businesses leaving the state, people being a little bit down on the state, and I think three years later, the moving vans have turned around, businesses are coming back to the state. We got our fiscal house in order. ... We managed our way through COVID. “I want to build on what we’re doing to get the state moving here.” Asked about what’s still undone in his agenda for Connecticut, Lamont cited the billions of dollars flowing into the state from the federal

government. “I think you want someone with a strong executive background who knows how to put that money to work in the most productive way possible,” he said. Lamont has earned high marks for his management of the COVID-19 pandemic, with two-thirds of voters approving of his handling of the crisis in a recent poll by Sacred Heart University’s Institute for Public Policy. About 50% of voters surveyed approve of his overall job performance. Bob Stefanowski, the GOP’s 2018 nominee, is expected by many Republicans to repeat his run in 2022. Former House Minority Leader Themis Klarides, R-Derby, registered as a candidate in May but did not create a candidate committee. Her status allows her to spend her own funds but not raise money.

Stranded man saved by officers in canoe

‘Quick thinking’ praised in rescue at Saugatuck Shores in Westport

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

When police officers spotted a man who had been reported missing partially submerged in the cold waters off Saugatuck Shores Beach in Westport early Tuesday, they knew they shouldn’t wait for a boat. They found a nearby canoe and went to the man, one officer holding his head above water while others lifted him on board, police said. The man, whom police described only as elderly, was brought back to shore, where fire-fighters helped remove him from the canoe and took him to medics, police said. He then was taken to the hospital. Police said early Tuesday afternoon they did not know the man’s condition, but any injuries he may have did not appear life-threatening. Chief Foti Koskinas said he was very proud of the officers. He also thanked the fire department and EMS workers for what he said was valuable assistance. “There is no doubt these officers’ quick thinking and superior teamwork led to a positive outcome,” Koskinas said.

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Police say officers rescued a man found in the waters off Saugatuck Shores in Westport early Tuesday. COURTESY



Crab du Jour Cajun Seafood Restaurant & Bar has opened at the Buckland Hills Mall in Manchester. SUSAN DUNNE PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

Crab du Jour finally has its day

After months of delays, seafood restaurant opens in Manchester

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Crab du Jour Cajun Seafood Restaurant & Bar is now open at Buckland Hills Mall in Manchester, after having sat vacant for months — signage installed, welcoming flags waving, but dark inside — waiting for delays to subside. “We signed the lease before the pandemic, but then everything stopped. We were supposed to open May 2021. But COVID still delayed everything, all the renovations,” said Alisha Barton, the manager. “We’re finally ready now.” Diners who may be frustrated at waning seafood offerings in restaurants will welcome this fishy enterprise. Calamari and crab are getting hard to find on eatery menus. Crab du Jour has them. Scallops and lobster tail, which are increasingly expensive, are at Crab du Jour for an achievable price. Crab du Jour also offers clams, crawfish, mussels, shrimp, oysters, fish and whole lobsters in season, as well as crab and lobster bisque, clam chowder and Po’Boys of crab, oyster, shrimp, fish and chicken. The seafood is sold by the



Mike Chen makes a crabmeat po’boy at Crab du Jour in Manchester.

pound or half pound and boiled, then packed in huge plastic bags with seasonings, corn and potatoes. The seasonings are Cajun, garlic butter, Old Bay, lemon pepper and Du Jour Special, which combines all of the seasonings. Any combination of seafood can be ordered in the bags. Diners can get anything from a light lunch for less than \$20 to hundreds of

dollars for an extravagant feast for a party. Also on the menu are fried baskets, subs and sliders, appetizers and a few non-seafood items. Seafood tacos are sold on Tuesdays. The restaurant soft-opened in September and will have a grand opening, with city officials present, sometime soon. “We wanted to schedule something, but they

IF YOU GO: Crab du Jour is at 194 Buckland Hills Drive in Manchester, in the mall near Barnes and Noble. Hours are Sunday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. More info at crabdujour.com.

told us, we don’t know who the mayor will be,” Barton said, referring to the recent election. “Now that that’s settled, we’ll have a date soon.” The North Carolina-based chain of restaurants, founded in 2019, is expanding fast. It has grown to 66 locations, both sit-down and takeout, in the eastern United States, with 39 more coming soon. The 5,500-square-foot Manchester restaurant, which seats 162 including at the bar, and a new site in Connecticut Post Mall in Milford are Connecticut’s first sit-down locations. A Crab du Jour Express takeout spot is at 4086 Main St. in Bridgeport. The chain plans to open sit-down locations at 35 Front St. in Hartford and at 2300 Dixwell Ave. in Hamden. “We don’t know when that will happen. It’s a tough time for restaurants that are in the negotiation stage,” said Ken Li of Storrs, who co-owns the Manchester franchise. Susan Dunne can be reached at sdunne@courant.com.

Turkish Kebab House opens in Enfield mall

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Kebab House is a new Turkish restaurant in Enfield, serving kebabs, baba ganoush, pita and other Mediterranean treats. The restaurant, inside the Enfield Square mall across from the movie theater, is co-owned by Ozzy Akpinar, a Suffield resident who emigrated from Sivas, Turkey; and chef Hassan Kormaz, who formerly ran the kitchen at Istanbul, the longtime Turkish restaurant in Middletown. In the Middletown restaurant, Kormaz’s kitchen was out of sight of customers. He is happy that Kebab House has an open kitchen, viewable through glass panels by all customers. “He wants people to see how he makes the food,”

Akpinar said. “That’s how they do it in Turkey.” In full sight of diners, Kormaz shaves meat off of spindles to make doner kebabs — similar to gyro or shawarma — and scoops up iskender, a meat-and-tomato sauce dish served over pita. He throws meat on the grill: minced-and-spiced adana, cubed shish, inegol kofte meatballs and pirzola cutlets. When Akpinar is able to hire more help in the kitchen, the restaurant will add lahmacun and pide to the offerings. The pizza-like flatbread dishes are topped with a variety of meats and cheeses: soujuk sausage, lamb, beef, feta, mozzarella, cheddar, kashar cheese. Kormaz grew up in Gaziantep, where his father has a restaurant. That ancient city is famed for its

unique cuisine, which was influenced by the food cultures of Armenians and Kurds, as well as nearby Aleppo, Syria. “The spices are different there. They don’t taste like other Turkish food,” Akpinar said. Kormaz’s desserts, made in-house, are distinctive, too. These include kunefe, a cheese pastry; revani, a cake made with lemon, semolina and eggs; sarma, made from pistachio paste; and rice pudding. Other desserts, purchased from a specialty Turkish bakery, are baklava and kadayif. Kebab House is open Sunday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Susan Dunne can be reached at sdunne@courant.com.



Hassan Kormaz, chef at Kebab House in Enfield, shaves meat off a spindle to make doner. SUSAN DUNNE/HARTFORD COURANT

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NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

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1. To accept the Statement of Town Accounts, report of the Town Treasurer and the report of the Superintendent of Schools, as printed in the 2020-2021 Annual Town Report.
2. To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of two (2) regular members to the Harbor Management Commission.
3. To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of one (1) alternate member to the Park and Recreation Commission.
4. To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of two (2) regular members to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
5. To consent and approve of the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of one (1) alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
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Tim Wyatt sits with his daughter, Emily Plumlee, on Oct. 25 at his home in Birmingham, Alabama. CHARITY RACHELLE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Big question on the plate

Many Americans considering hosting bigger Thanksgiving celebrations this year are asking their guests to be vaccinated

By Christina Morales
The New York Times

For the first time in two years, Tim Wyatt is hosting a Thanksgiving feast at his home in Birmingham, Alabama. Along with the traditional turkey, Wyatt will spend days preparing his slow-roasted pork shoulder with Alabama white sauce. His wife, Nancy Wyatt, will cook all of her enticing side dishes, like sour cream minimuffins and sweet potato casserole with sage butter.

Everyone from their extended family is invited. But Tim Wyatt has made a request: If you want to come by and eat his signature fall-off-the-bone pork, you have to be vaccinated against the coronavirus.

"I felt responsible for myself, my wife and anybody else visiting my house that day," said Wyatt, 72, who expects at least 15 guests.

Like Wyatt, many Americans thinking about hosting or attending a bigger Thanksgiving celebration this year are considering a question that has become sensitive and often polarizing: Will they and other guests be vaccinated?

The age-old wisdom about dinner conversation "is to avoid sex, death and politics," said Noel Brewer, a professor specializing in health behaviors at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "Vacci-

nations have moved onto that list."

Still, they threaten to complicate the holiday planning and the meal itself.

"People who get vaccinated can also be self-righteous, and some people who haven't been vaccinated can be belligerent," Brewer said, adding, "That could really be a combustible mix."

In interviews, many people — both vaccinated and unvaccinated — said they were planning to tiptoe around the subject, in some cases avoiding a meal with those they might disagree with.

Others, who are immunocompromised or have children too young to be vaccinated, are grappling with how to decline invitations from unvaccinated relatives. And some hosts, worried about safety, are drawing a line.

Wyatt was talking on the phone with his sister last month about his Thanksgiving plans when he impulsively told her, "Tell your kids they can't come unless they're vaccinated." Within a week, he received a text message from his sister, with a photo of his nephew at a pharmacy where he was getting his shot.

Wyatt forwarded the picture to his daughter, Emily Plumlee, 41, of Huntsville, Alabama. Her father's vaccine mandate put her at ease about the get-together. "I'm relieved for a sense

of normalcy," she said.

Last year, the pre-Thanksgiving concerns centered on social distancing and taking risks with the coronavirus. This year, the focus is inoculation; more than 192 million Americans have been fully vaccinated, but that is only about 58% of the total population.

Those conversations are already happening as people send out invitations, said Richard M. Carpiano, a public health scientist who studies vaccine hesitancy at the University of California, Riverside.

"While lots of invitation lists are taken for granted every year, this year, it provides the opportunity for people to actually set parameters," he said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance for the holiday season is that people should protect others ineligible for vaccines, such as young children, by getting inoculated and encouraging guests to be vaccinated. The CDC also advises that people gathering with others from multiple households in different parts of the country consider taking additional precautions, like getting a coronavirus test beforehand.

But many people oppose the vaccines, for various reasons. Some said that stance had alienated them from their families and friends.

In Honolulu, Rasa Fournier,

a spokesperson for the Aloha Freedom Coalition — an organization formed in September 2020 to fight against stringent health mandates in the pandemic — said she had invited family and friends, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, for a vegan Thanksgiving.

"All of that fear and distancing is a really awful way to go," said Fournier, 49, who is unvaccinated against the coronavirus because she believes the vaccines are not safe or effective, despite overwhelming evidence that they are.

"We just want to live life normally, and with love, and with aloha," she said.

Fournier said the vaccine had been used as a way to divide people. "The vaccinated people will uninvite people, and it's incredibly hurtful and sad," she said, adding that she had lost many friends because of her beliefs.

After remodeling her home in Madison, New Jersey, during the pandemic, Laurie Erickson, 60, said she was looking forward to having a Thanksgiving feast with about 25 people, including children and grandchildren whom she hadn't had over for Thanksgiving in three years.

But when the delta variant contributed to the surge of cases over the summer, she and her husband, David, felt it was necessary to impose a vaccine requirement for those over age

11 this Thanksgiving.

She decided to write a note, but was reluctant to send it for a few weeks because she was concerned about backlash. She finally decided to send it to only a small group of relatives at the end of August. "We hope you will reconsider your decision" to forgo vaccination, she wrote. "For your own sake and ours, and mostly because we love you, please vaccinate."

The guest list dwindled. At least eight people declined to come, and simply said they had made other plans for the holiday, which is traditionally held in Erickson's home.

"I don't regret sending it," she said. "It was guidelines for what we want at our house. It makes me sad, but I don't regret it."

If someone wants to start a Thanksgiving discussion about the importance of getting vaccinated, it's important to remember that they won't change someone's mind during one conversation, said Melody Butler, 35, a nurse from Lindenhurst, New York, and the executive director of Nurses Who Vaccinate. People should be prepared to make themselves available to answer questions or continue talking.

"What's really important is to let them know that you want them to be vaccinated because you care," she said. "You want them to be around for next Thanksgiving."

EX-ETIQUETTE

Talk to, not at, ex about your daughter's choice of costume

By Jann Blackstone
Tribune News Service

Q. My 8-year-old daughter, Jesse, wanted to be a sexy witch for Halloween. Her mother thought it was perfectly fine, but I didn't want my daughter walking the streets of the neighborhood looking like that. Her mother was offended when I said the costume looks like a

hooker — probably not the right way to talk, but I was angry when she said my daughter was with her this Halloween and I had no say about her costume. I don't know what to do. What's good ex-etiquette?

A. First, it's OUR daughter, not "my" daughter. That subtle switch will hopefully alert you both to the fact that it's not you against mom, it's you AND

mom for your daughter.

Next, co-parenting isn't digging in your heels and saying, "This is the way it is, so there!" It's discussion and compromise and looking for solutions in the name of your children. Both you and mom dug in your heels during your disagreement. You each took sides believing you were right, the other was wrong.

This can't be the first

time you've disagreed in this manner. It sounds as if you have set precedent a long time ago.

If you were in my office, I would ask you, "What is your plan now that you are no longer together when you disagree? What changes have you made in how you approach each other to prevent arguments and actually find solutions?"

You have to approach

each other differently if you want a different result. That means you may have to talk to each other — not at each other.

Good ex-etiquette for parents rule #10 is, "Look for the compromise."

Work together and figure it out in the name of your child. That's much healthier for her than her watching you both dig in your heels. That's good ex-etiquette.



Work together with your ex and figure it out for your child, says Dr. Jann Blackstone. DREAMSTIME

CELEBRITIES



TJ Osborne, left, and John Osborne on Thursday in Nashville, Tennessee. ED RODE/INVISION

Duo bringing message of inclusivity

From news services

When the Brothers Osborne take the stage Wednesday at the CMA Awards, the duo will have a powerful message for fans who sometimes feel like outsiders — an experience that they know all too well.

The brothers from Deale, Maryland, opened up in recent months about their private lives and personal struggles, with lead singer TJ coming out publicly as gay and guitarist John talking about his anxiety.

The song they will play, “Younger Me,” is a poignant reminder that it does get better. They are proof of that.

“The fact that we get to play a song that is so meaningful, particularly to myself, at a country music award show, it’s one of those things that just kind of transcends the award itself, money itself, fame,” said TJ Osborne.

The four-time CMA award-winning duo are up for three awards, including album of the year for “Skel-etons,” the first time the brothers have been nominated in that category.

The ceremony will air Wednesday night on ABC.

Artists join ‘Event for the

Environment’: More than 200 musical artists will perform next month as part of an online fundraiser for the environment that will be shown on YouTube.

Black Pumas, Jack Johnson, Ben Harper, the Lumineers, Rhiannon Giddens, Cat Stevens, Taj Mahal and Rosanne Cash are among the musicians that have signed on for “Peace Through Music: A Global Event for the Environment,” organizers said Tuesday.

The organization Playing for Change is putting on the event in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund. The concert will be shown Dec. 15 on Playing for Change’s YouTube channel.

Designed to promote environmental sustainability, the event will raise money for organizations like Conservation International, American Rivers and the World Wildlife Fund.

‘Squid Game’ to return: It’s official: The Netflix series “Squid Game” will be back for a season two, even though most TV shows in South Korea run for just one season. But due to the show’s global success, its creator and director said,

“I almost feel like you leave us no choice.”

“There’s been so much pressure, so much demand and so much love for a second season,” Hwang Dong-hyuk said Monday.

“It’s in my head right now. I’m in the planning process currently. But I do think it’s too early to say when and how that’s going to happen. So I will promise you this, Gi-hun will be back, and he’ll do something for the world,” explained Hwang.

The series, starring Lee Jung-jae as Seong Gi-hun and others in the ensemble cast, centers on people who are so desperate for money that they agree to take part in a series of schoolyard games with a deadly twist. The dystopian survival drama from South Korea is said to have become Netflix’s biggest TV show ever.

Nov. 10 birthdays: Actor Albert Hall is 84. Comedian Sinbad is 65. Actor Mackenzie Phillips is 62. Actor Hugh Bonneville is 58. Comedian Tommy Davidson is 58. Comedian Tracy Morgan is 53. Actor Ellen Pompeo is 52. Rapper U-God is 51. Rapper Eve is 43. Singer Miranda Lambert is 38. Actor Kieran Shipka is 22.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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Abuse survivor wants to set record straight

Dear Amy: When I was a young woman of 20 and returned home for a visit after basic training in the military, my father had too much to drink one night.

He asked me to sit beside him after my mom went to bed. Then, my dad tried to French kiss me.

I got away from him and avoided him the next day. I didn’t visit my parents again for a while because I was shipped overseas.

I thought about it later and wondered if he even remembered doing this? Maybe he blacked out from drinking.

Then, my aunt (my mom’s sister) who is only slightly older than me, confessed that my dad did the same thing to her. (I did not disclose it happened to me too.)

My dad has since died. My sister thinks that he was a saint. She has never recovered from his death. She and my mother never understood why I was not close to my dad as an adult.

Should I tell them, or let sleeping dogs lie? They think I was cold and uncaring toward him.

My mother also beat my sister and me so severely that our whole bodies were covered in bruises.

I moved over 1,000 miles away from them and have only visited once a year.

My mom and sister and extended family all think I just don’t care about my family. My aunts, uncles and cousins never knew we were being severely abused.

Should I tell them?

Do I need to feel guilty for moving away and never visiting?

— *Troubled Daughter*

Dear Troubled: Given the

violence and dysfunction in your past, I’d say that your choice to stay away is one of self-preservation.

It is unfortunate, though not surprising, that you still care what these family members think. You carry the guilt of hard-won survival. The truth is the truth, and you might as well tell it.

You should not tell the truth to persuade others that your father and/or mother were monsters but to simply own your personal history.

Understand that people who stay in abusive family systems sometimes develop selective amnesia over painful events. This is a survival tool.

You can assume that your family members are entrenched in their own narrative. They may not believe you. They may blame you.

I hope that your life in adulthood is rewarding, and that your career in the military has given you a sense of belonging to a deserving family-of-choice. If you decide to share your truth, approach this from a place of strength and confidence.

Dear Amy: My husband and I have adult children in their mid-20s to early 30s, all of whom are doing well. We both work full time, and all our kids (thankfully) are gainfully employed.

For the last 10 years, we have had at least one child living with us during that post-college looking-for-work phase, or during various times when they have needed a place to crash.

The pandemic brought two of them home for over a year.

Overall, I’d say that we all enjoyed this togetherness, but frankly I am done. I may be the only person in the world yearning for an empty nest.

They are all out now, but with remote work, two of them now bounce home for days on end and with very little notice — and work from here.

They do this when they get bored or want a change of pace or home-cooked meals. Please, how can I get them to stop?

— *Tired*

Dear Tired: You should set some parameters: You would like at least a week’s advance notice, unless it is an emergency. They should limit their stays.

Make sure their time home is boring and fruitless. Limit the home-cooked meals. Don’t clean up after them.

I wonder if other readers are dealing with this? If so, I will run responses.

Dear Amy: Thank you for talking about credit card “churning” with your answer to “Churning Concerns.” This wife wanted feedback about her husband’s choice to open credit cards in her name. This is wrong (and illegal). She should place a freeze on her credit.

— *Credit Advisor*

Dear Advisor: It wasn’t clear whether this wife had co-signed on these credit cards, but I agree that she needs to advocate for herself.

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Drones, viral videos help PBS’ ‘Nature’ thrive after 40 years

By Brooke Lefferts
Associated Press

Forty years ago, the programmers at PBS were eager to experiment, so they took a chance and started a new series on animal behavior in the wild called “Nature.”

The show featured hourlong documentaries from natural landscapes all around the world and, at first, didn’t even have narration so it could be sold in any television market, without any language barrier. It was a hit. “Nature” is celebrating its anniversary this season, which includes an extended look at the Rocky Mountains, American horses, a close examination of bees and, of course, some adorable penguins.

While the series has evolved over the years, there’s one person who has been there since the beginning. Fred Kaufman started as a production assistant on a three-month stint and has now been the show’s executive producer for the last 30 years.

This interview with Kaufman has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: How has technology changed the show?

A: When HD came, it was like, “Whoa!” All of a sudden, you saw the detail that you didn’t see before, so that was a big difference. Lenses have gotten better, more diversified. That’s a big difference. Drones! Years ago, if you wanted to get an aerial, you had to hire a helicopter at 400 bucks an hour and pay for the fuel and an operator and just pray that you can get everything you want in an hour. ... Now you put up a drone, one person flies a drone: rock-steady shot. It really allows you to see a landscape, gives you a new perspective on animals and places. ... But I think one of



Elephants approach a waterhole in Tsavo East National Park, Kenya, in the series “Nature.” WATERHOLE FILMS LTD/PBS

the single most important developments is that wildlife films, behavior, little snippets, have become so viral on social media. I mean, they’re fun, they’re dramatic, they’re exciting. Chances are you’ve never seen this before.

Q: How does the show approach which places and animals to cover?

A: Everything we do is from the animal’s perspective. It’s from the perspective of wild places and wild lands. What’s the animal’s perspective on that? You’re showing it from the photographer’s perspective, but can we shift and make it from the animal’s perspective? And so, it’s ... kind of calibrating your thinking and script because it represents the animal’s point of view. What do they need? What are the resources for a healthy environment? How does farming and climate change impact them? So that’s kind of what we go to when we’re thinking about a topic and when we’re reviewing the film. Are we being a voice for the natural world?

Q: How have you observed the effects of global warming?

A: The most obvious visuals are the shrink-

ing polar caps, particularly in the Arctic. We’re seeing that polar bears are spending more time swimming and not on ice flows because there are less of them. So, they’re more in the open ocean. And this leads to fatigue, and they need more food to eat. And they’re suffering because of that. And that’s sort of the most obvious example that we’re all seeing. But climate change is affecting migrations, and birds, for example, migrate following the paths of flowers and food sources that come out because when that day gets longer and the sun shines and it’s warmer and plants bloom, et cetera, birds follow those paths. Now, with global warming, some of those events are happening earlier than usual. So, the birds are showing up late or they’re showing up too early, and it’s messing with the nutrition and the food they need to carry on their migration.

Q: Which shows have had the biggest impact?

A: One thing I’m super proud of is many, many years ago, we were the first to bring attention to the colony collapse disorder with the bees. And so that one turned out to be a very big story, and it’s still a story.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Playing a supporting role isn’t a sign of weakness. To avoid pride getting in the way of progress, you may need to be willing to take the back seat to a partner. Relinquishing control can let you and the other person involved reach a mutual goal much faster.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Everyone needs to feel valued and appreciated, particularly right now. Although your work ethic is admirable, it may be causing some friction between you and a close friend. If you keep acting as though work is more important than people, you could become very lonely.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Learning new tasks may take a little longer than you expected today, and pressuring yourself to be excellent on the first try will probably only delay your mastery. Manage your expectations carefully and don’t be afraid to ask for help! Try to avoid being overly rigid.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): There’s no reason to be jealous of another person’s skill level, especially when they’ve been at it much longer than you. If you apply yourself starting now, hard work can get you on that same road to greatness! Once you embark, don’t quit until you’ve reached your goal.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be feeling pressure on multiple different fronts right now, but the biggest challenge might come from someone you’re very close with who thinks you’re acting childish when you feel like nothing could be further from the truth. You do take your responsibilities very seriously.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Putting off any stressful work could just make things worse today. You might have an easier time handling difficult tasks if you approach them with humor rather than dread. The more lighthearted your approach is, the faster you can cross things off your to-do list!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): In a quest to make more money, you might be neglecting a partner or someone else whos dependent on you. There’s nothing wrong with wanting abundance! Keep in mind the best kind of wealth can often be found through quality time with loved ones.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your level of intensity right now may be alarming to family members who are more easygoing. They could have a hard time understanding why you take things personally, while you don’t comprehend their passivity. A difference in moods is no reason for a fight!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It’s frustrating to be placed in a situation with no guidance or support, but that might be right where you are today! You may have no choice but to figure things out as you go along. Fortunately, your intelligence and adaptability can help you spin straw into gold. Take an upbeat approach.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Friction in your social circle may rub you the wrong way today. You might disapprove of the way certain friends spend money, especially if they ask you for loans when they’re short on cash. There isn’t anything wrong with boundaries, but try not to pass judgment.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Professional ambition can undermine your natural zest for life today, so you may not want to pour all your energy into work. Consider cultivating your passion for hobbies, people, and causes that have nothing to do with your job. Lean on loved ones for support.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Second-guessing your plans could make a potentially easy transition more difficult at the moment. Instead of imagining exactly how, when, and where things will unfold, picture yourself enjoying the desired result. Imagine what you want and manifest it into the universe.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Nov. 10, 1871, journalist-explorer Henry M. Stanley found Scottish missionary David Livingstone, who had not been heard from for years, near Lake Tanganyika in central Africa.

In 1919, the American Legion opened its first national convention in Minneapolis.

In 1928, Hirohito was enthroned as Emperor of Japan.

In 1969, the children’s educational program “Sesame Street” made its debut on National Educational Television (later PBS).

In 1982, the newly finished Vietnam Veterans Memorial was opened to its first visitors in Washington, D.C.

In 2006, actor Jack Palance died at age 87.

In 2020, the U.S. hit a record number of coronavirus hospitalizations and surpassed 1 million new confirmed cases in just the first 10 days of November.

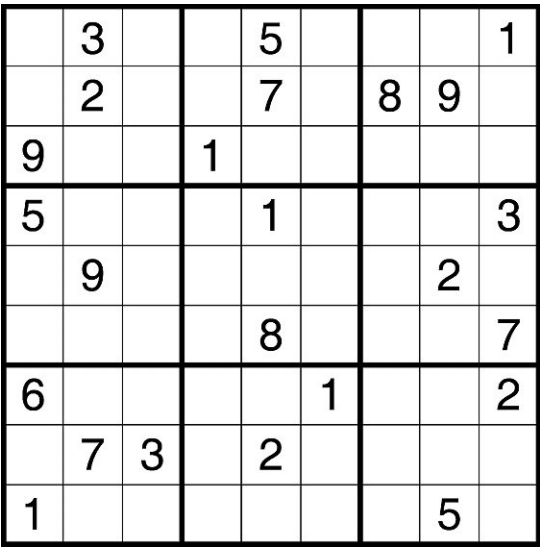
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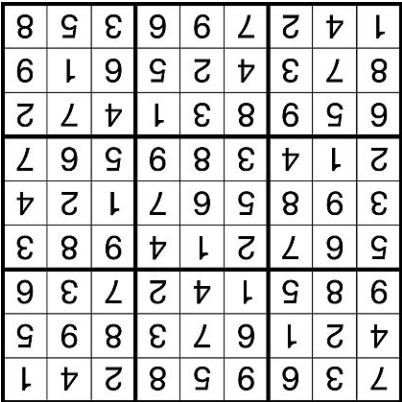
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BOGGLE



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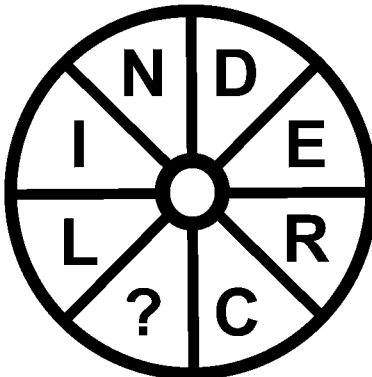
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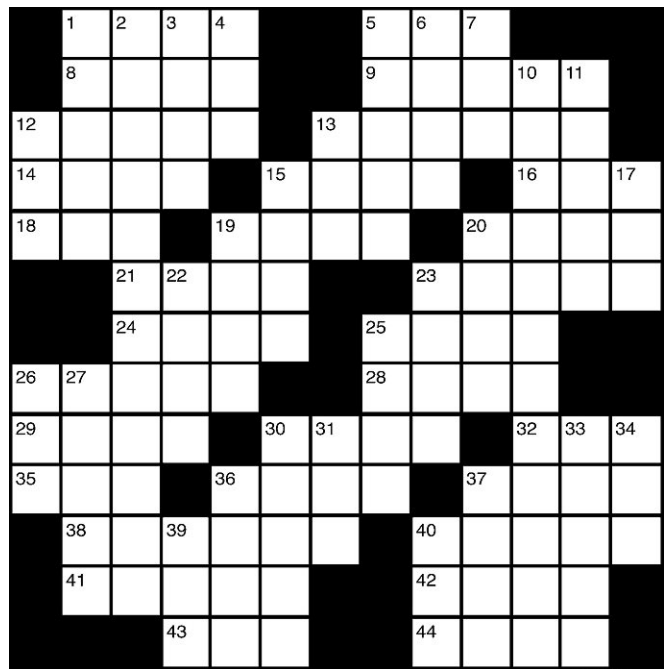
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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.



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AQUARIUM	DEN	LAIR	SETT
AVIARY	DOVECOTE	LODGE	SHED
BARN	EAVES	LOFT	STABLE
BURROW	EYRIE	MOUSE HOLE	STALL
BUSH	GRASS	NEST	STY
BYRE	HEN HOUSE	OASIS	SWAMP
CAGE	HIVE	PEN	TREE
CATTERY	HOLT	POND	TUNNEL
CAVE	HUTCH	RIVER	WARREN

TV CROSSWORD



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

2/1/15

ACROSS

- Pitt or Garrett
- Role on "Cheers"
- Johnny Carson's replacement
- Freshwater game fish
- "Perry"
- Four-time Academy Award nominee
- Talk show host Don
- Tortilla, when fried, filled & folded
- "Up ___ Night"
- German article
- Comic actress Martha
- Woody Guthrie's son
- "The Donna ___ Show"
- Steve or Gracie
- "Queen of Jazz"
- Up to the task
- Fred Mertz's tenant
- "Bad ___"; Will Smith movie
- Opening bet
- "Million Dollar ___"; film for Hilary Swank
- Brain wave test, for short
- Skater ___ Babilonia
- Actor Danza

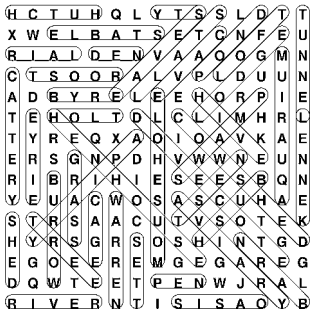


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DOWN

- Letters on an invitation
- Fell of "The Ropers"
- Memos
- "___ the Dragon"; Bruce Lee film
- Sherman Hemsley sitcom
- "This Is the ___"; James Franco movie
- Camper's shelter
- "___ It on Rio"; Michael Caine film
- Omar Epps fantasy drama series
- Years in Mexico
- Rickles or Ameche
- "Star Trek: Deep ___ Nine"
- Prefix for dynamics or gram
- "___ Doubtfire"
- Actor on "Nashville"
- Actress Berry
- Prefix for night or wife
- Melinda ___; role on "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D."
- Word used as mock fanfare to call attention to something
- Actor ___ Chaney, Jr.
- ___ on; feel confident about
- Daughter on "Everybody Loves Raymond"
- Actress Sommer
- "About ___"; Minnie Driver series
- ___ Sciuto; role on "NCIS"
- ___ Race"; Whoopi Goldberg movie
- Ridiculous
- Two-by-four
- Curry or Cusack
- "The Main ___"; movie for Barbra Streisand
- Primary care doctors, usually
- IRS agents
- "To ___ with Love"; Woody Allen film
- Mailman's beat: abbr.
- Natalie Cole's dad

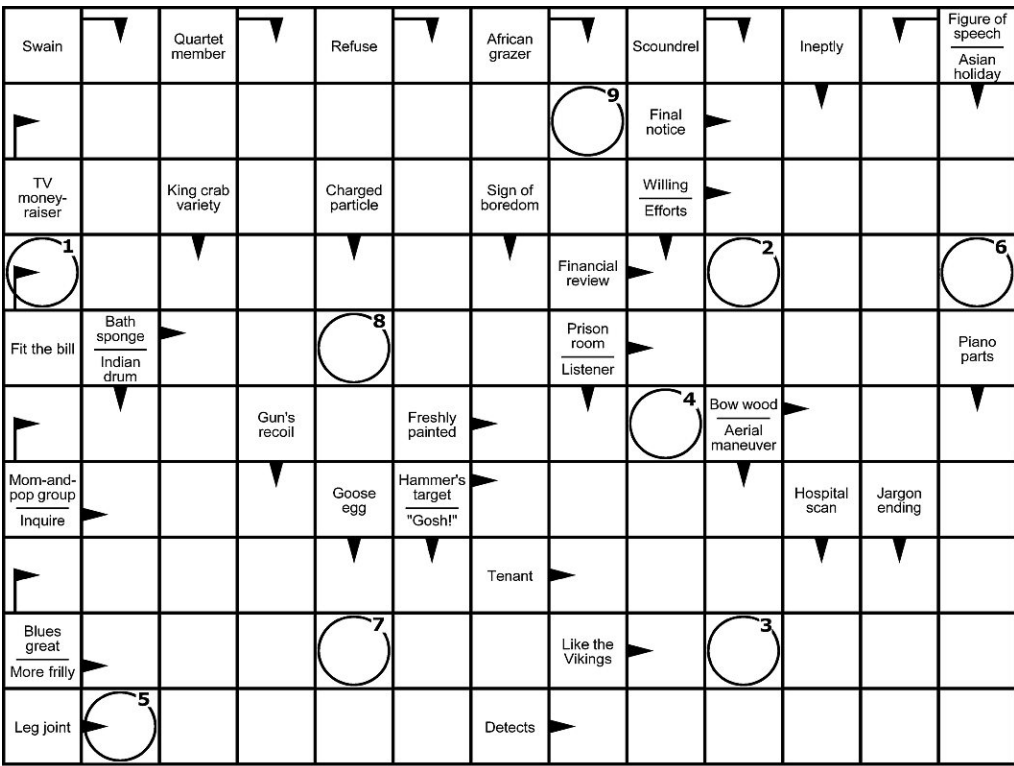
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ARROW WORDS

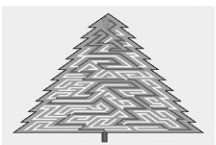
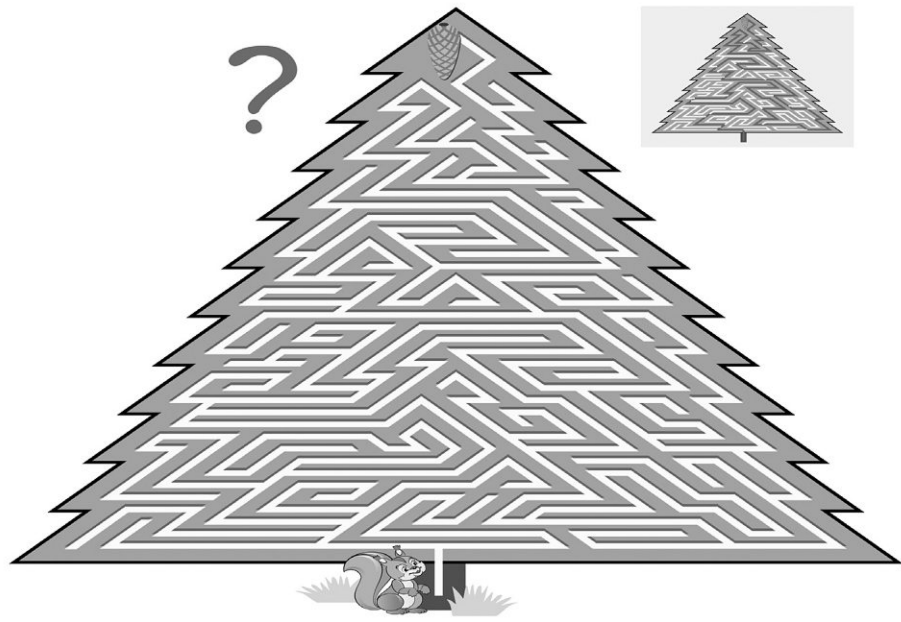
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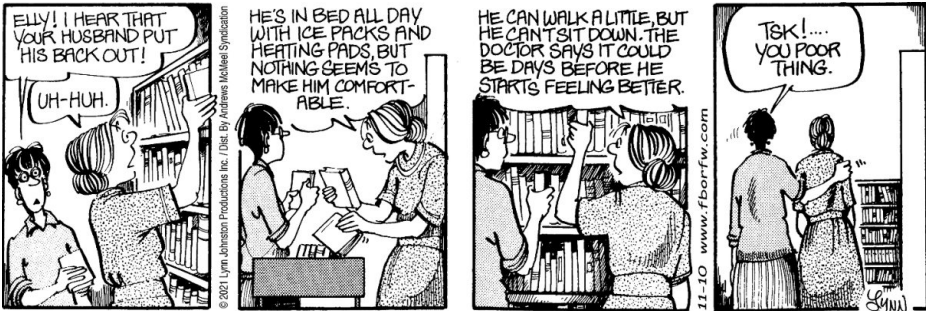
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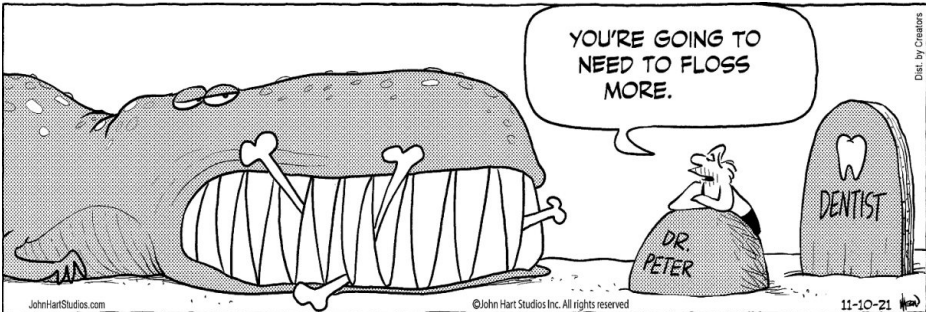
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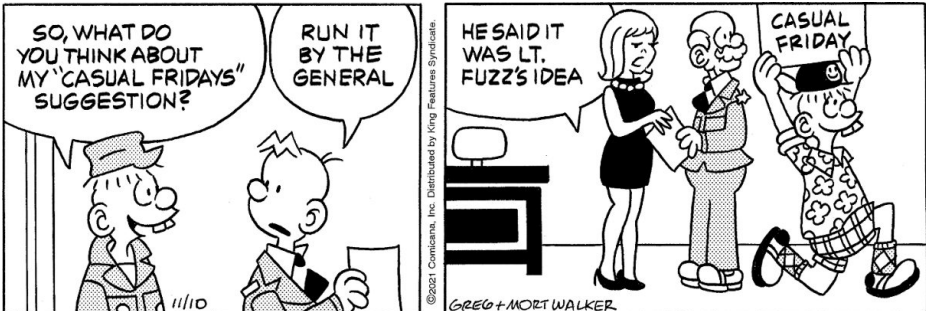
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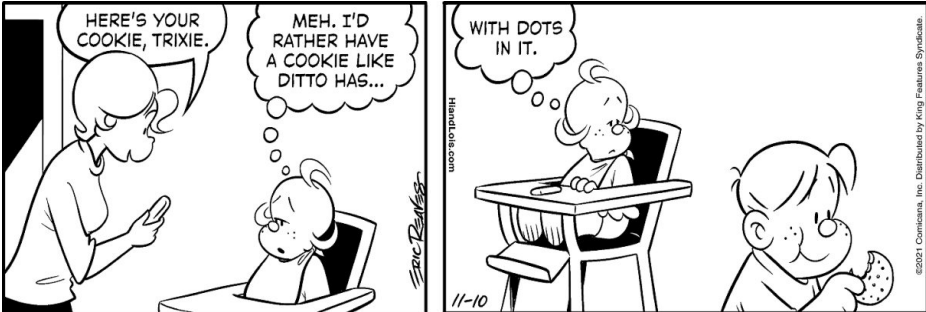
B.C. By Hart



Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker



Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne



Hagar The Horrible By Chris Browne



Non Sequitur By Wiley Miller



Curtis By Ray Billingsley



Pickles By Brian Crane



Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady and Don Wimmer



Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



CROSSWORD

EDITED BY RICH NORRIS AND JOYCE NICHOLS LEWIS

Across

- 1 Italian province or its capital
- 6 Make an impression
- 10 Big mouths
- 14 Acid used in soap
- 15 Terrible time?
- 16 Like neatniks
- 17 Was armed, in old-fashioned slang
- 19 ___-bitty
- 20 "Peter Pan" pirate
- 21 Scuttlebutt
- 22 Bickering
- 23 The fox in Disney's "The Fox and the Hound"
- 24 Making slow but steady progress
- 27 "Skyfall" singer
- 29 Italian cheese
- 30 Overhaul the lawn, maybe
- 31 Cake with a dish
- 34 Stimp's sidekick
- 35 Eat every bit of meat from, as a bone
- 39 Pet rocks, once
- 42 Evil alter ego of fiction
- 43 Jumps (out)
- 47 Black Sea port
- 50 Under attack
- 51 Small change
- 56 Absorbed, as a cost
- 57 ___ fixer
- 58 Med school subj.
- 59 Lo-cal
- 60 Arouse

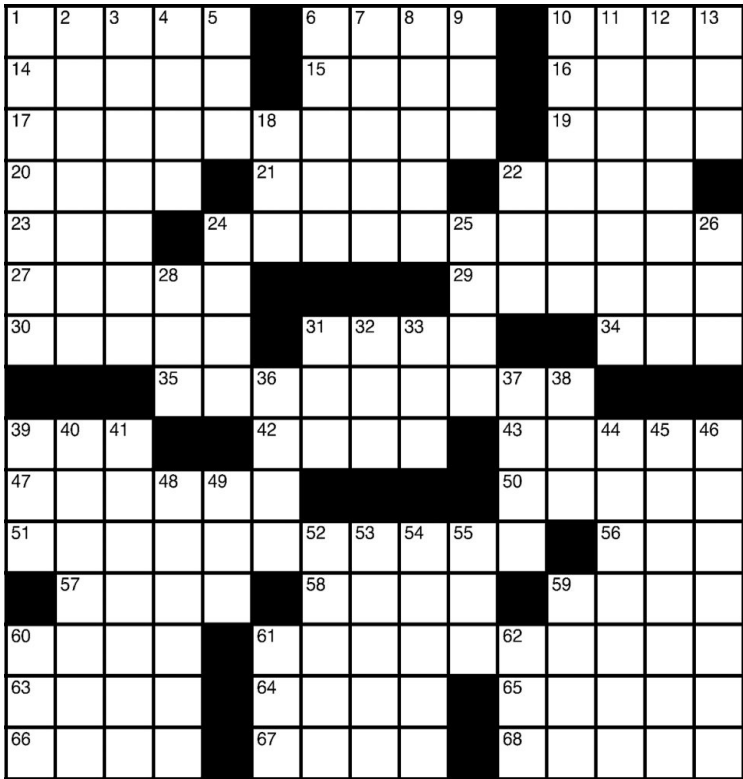
- 61 Prepared to be bussed
- 63 Pedal pushers
- 64 Wait at a light, say
- 65 Oklahoma Air Force base
- 66 What gamblers weigh
- 67 Financial aid criterion
- 68 Smith, at times

- 8 Raccoon kin
- 9 18-Down predecessor
- 10 Drink with an umbrella
- 11 Like doves
- 12 Lightbulb measure
- 13 Canny
- 18 Two-time ETO commander
- 22 Govt. prosecutors
- 24 Feet treat
- 25 Scruff
- 26 "___ light is not daylight": Juliet
- 28 Cut (off)
- 31 It's up to you
- 32 Neatnik's possible condition, briefly
- 33 Brewpub order
- 36 Talk in a virtual room
- 37 "Dear" adviser

- 38 Dundee denial
- 39 Metrosexual
- 40 Put into effect, as a resolution
- 41 Strongly disapproved of
- 44 "To repeat ... forget it!"
- 45 Part of a BLT
- 46 Harder to climb
- 48 Gets around
- 49 Census datum
- 52 "All in the Family" spinoff
- 53 Le frère d'un père
- 54 Like undisguised truth
- 55 High season on the Riviera
- 59 Jacob's first wife
- 60 Airport near OAK
- 61 Brooch holder
- 62 Campers, briefly

Down

- 1 Mozart, in his day, e.g.
- 2 Apple pie order
- 3 Ebbs
- 4 Stage prop with a different spelling nowadays
- 5 Big club
- 6 Moral principle
- 7 Shake it on the dance floor



By Kurt Krauss

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ 6
- ♥ J 10 7 4
- ♦ K 10 7 4
- ♣ J 10 5 3

WEST

- ♠ J 10 9 3
- ♥ 8 6 2
- ♦ 5 3 2
- ♣ 8 6 2

EAST

- ♠ 8 7 5 2
- ♥ A 5 3
- ♦ A J 9
- ♣ A 9 4

SOUTH

- ♠ A K Q 4
- ♥ K Q 9
- ♦ Q 8 6
- ♣ K Q 7

The bidding:
South 2 NT West Pass North 3 ♣ East Pass
3 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass

Opening lead — jack of spades

A perpetual holdup

This remarkable hand occurred in a team-of-four championship many years ago. East was Bill McWilliams, California expert, who had to make a highly unusual series of plays to defeat the contract.

West led the jack of spades against three notrump. Declarer took the jack with the queen and played the king of hearts, which held, followed by the queen of hearts, which also held.

South thereupon shifted his attention to clubs, leading first the king and then the queen, and again McWilliams ducked twice. Next declarer led the queen of diamonds, and for the fifth time in succession, East refused to win the trick!

South was now at the end of his rope. There was no way he could escape the loss of a spade, a heart, a club and two diamonds, so he finished down one. Had

McWilliams won any one of the five tricks he had refused, South would have made the contract.

Certainly, this is one of the most extreme examples on record of the devastating effectiveness of a holdup play. It is not often that a defender must reject the opportunity to win five consecutive tricks — in three different suits — in order to defeat the contract.

McWilliams knew every high card in declarer's hand as soon as dummy came down, because South's two notrump opening indicated 21 or 22 high-card points. Furthermore, McWilliams had to assume that declarer's only four-card suit was spades — otherwise three notrump could not be stopped.

Tomorrow: A little extra effort.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

KHIRE

SAVIT

CYONTO

METREP

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

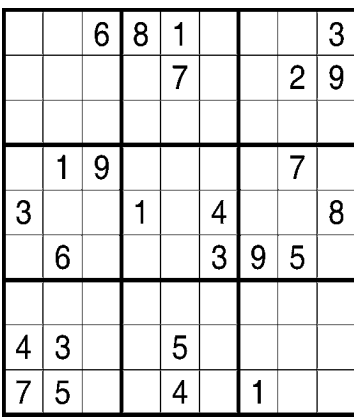
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Yesterday's Jumbles: RODEO IMPEL FLIGHT DECENT

Answer: The carousel wasn't working properly, so the repairman would need to — GET "RIDE" ON IT

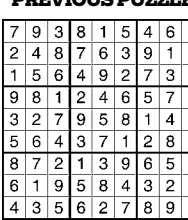


TODAY'S SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



FACT #341

The folks who brought us Reddi-wip whipped cream had another brainstorm in the 1960s: Reddi-Bacon.

10 Things You Might Not Know About Nearly Everything contains a plethora of tidbits and trivia that will appeal to everyone, from history buffs to sports fans to foodies. From lighthearted topics such as misspellings and extreme eating, to serious subjects such as WWII and prison, this book leaves readers brighter and wittier than ever before.

FACT #84: A cardigan worn by a man is sometimes called a mandigan.

FACT #178 : Genuophobia is the fear of knees.

FACT #238: Actress Marilyn Monroe colored her hair using a shade of blond called dirty pillow slip.

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UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Juhász could be key for Huskies' title aspirations

By Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant

UConn women's basketball coach Geno Auriemma turned heads last month when assessing Ohio State transfer Dorka Juhász and what the 6-foot-5 forward brings to the Huskies.

"I'm really, really, really glad that she's here," he said. "She could be the difference that puts us into that other level."

In Sunday's exhibition against Fort Hays State, fans finally got to see why he was so high on Juhász.

Juhász's outing stood out not just among the newcomers, but the team as a whole. Aside from having an efficient 15 points in 15

Up next

Arkansas at UConn, Sunday, 1 p.m., SNY

minutes and coming away with a team-high eight rebounds, she showed off the sort of inside-out post game that UConn hasn't had for quite a few years, hitting her sole 3-point attempt of the day and also converting a long two.

What's even more encouraging is that wasn't Juhász at 100%. She dealt with a pulled thigh muscle most of preseason that kept her out of practice, so her conditioning is still a work in progress. Auriemma said that the Pecs, Hungary product had her best week of practice

heading into the exhibition.

"It was hard to watch them for 3-4 weeks," Juhász said. "It kind of took me out of rhythm and everything. So as we got closer [to the games], I just felt my confidence and everything in practice went higher and higher and just extra motivation to come back stronger. Not being on the court for 3-4 weeks, running up and down, I had some hard time with that, but I feel like I'm back to myself now, and I'm ready to go."

On Sunday, Juhász came out with high energy and aggression from the get-go, showing off some skilled post moves, an ability to use her body to get around defenders and a finesse around the

rim to convert a pair of offensive putbacks. She ultimately made all of her shots in the paint aside from one that was blocked and finished 7 for 10 from the field overall.

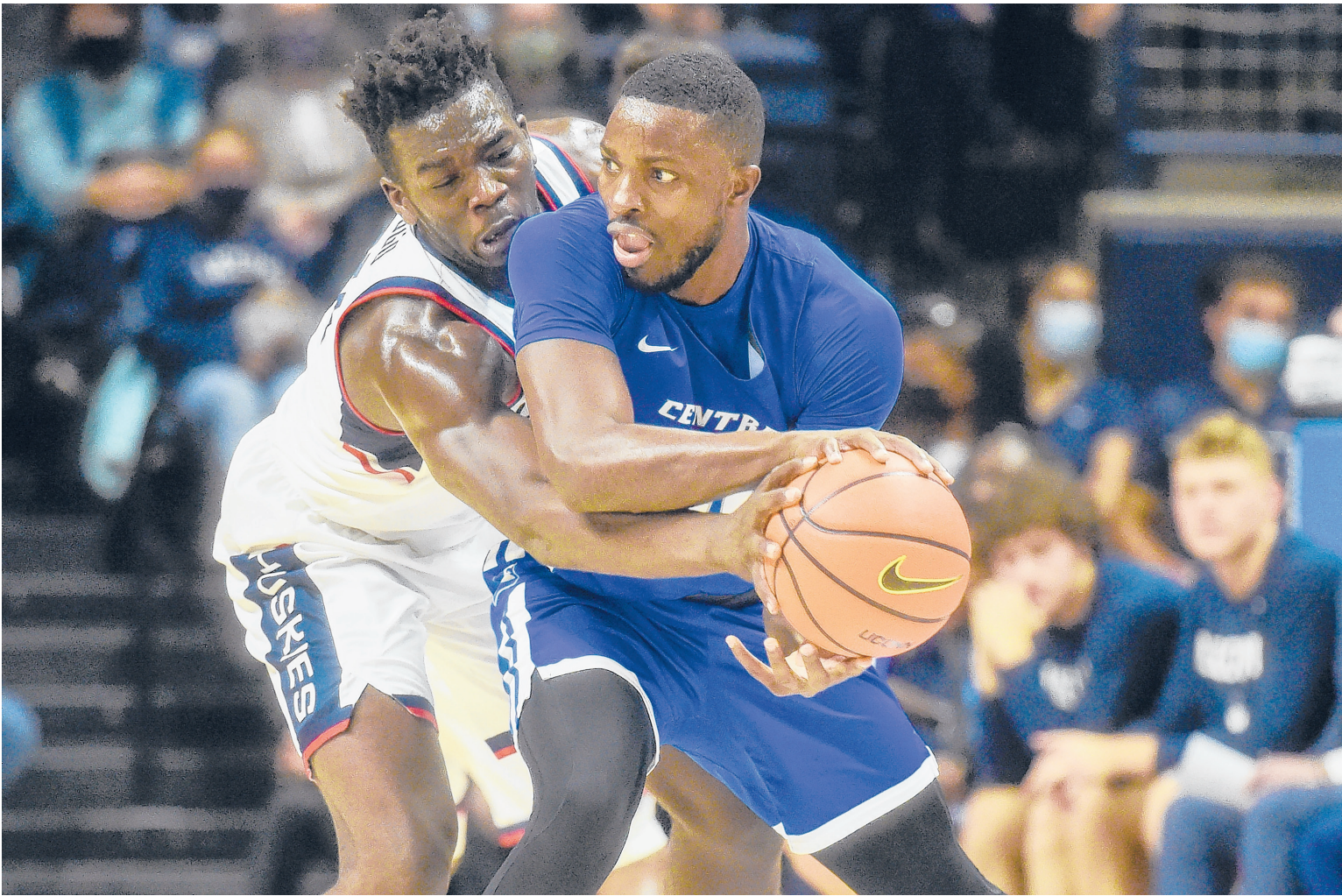
Auriemma noted the staff has been working with all their post players to hit more outside shots to help open up the lane. Sunday was a small sample size, but Juhász still seems most poised to help with that. She was a nearly 40% 3-point shooter as a sophomore at Ohio State. Last year, she shot just 20.3%, attributing that to an "up-and-down" season physically and mentally amid the coronavirus pandemic, one where she



UConn's Dorka Juhasz (14) shoots over Fort Hays State's Jessie Sallach (40) in an exhibition game at Gampel Pavilion. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Turn to Women's, Page 4

UCONN 99, CCSU 48



UConn's Adam Sanogo, left, pressures Central Connecticut State's Stephane Ayangma during the first half Tuesday night in Storrs. The Huskies easily won their season opener. MARK MIRKO / THE HARTFORD COURANT

Opening night a breeze

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

STORRS — The first thing the UConn men's basketball team needed to do in the season opener against Central Connecticut was win.

The next item on the to-do list was to win easily, without drama. And third, make coach Dan Hurley reach to full extension to find things about which to be unhappy.

Check boxes one and two, but don't take box three for a given. In Game 1, Hurley will find something.

Still UConn beat its overmatched, in-state opponent 99-48 before 10,148 at a sold-out Gampel Pavilion on Tuesday night, doing most, if not all, of the things Hurley called for during the offseason and in the week leading up to the game.

"The whole theme with the team has been, 'We should hit the

ground running,' " Hurley said. "Every one is a year better and a year more mature as a player, and we expected to hit the crowd running. And with a crowd like that, a student section like that on opening night, it's hard not to get out and perform at a high level."

UConn came out playing with intensity, feeding off the fans, hitting its first eight shots and running out to a 22-5 lead. The Huskies kept the pressure up on

defense and continued to attack on offense until there was no longer a point. They got the ball inside to Adama Sanogo, who was 9-for-11 for 20 points, and hit enough 3s to keep defenders from smothering him in the post.

"I was able to score a lot today because that team didn't have a lot of big men," Sanogo said. "That's one point. Another point could be

Turn to Men's, Page 4

PATRIOTS

What the numbers say about rookie Jones so far

By Ben Volin
Boston Globe

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The first nine games of Mac Jones's NFL career certainly haven't been perfect. He suffered a couple of bad losses early in the season, threw a few interceptions, and went through the type of growing pains that are common with rookie quarterbacks.

But as the 5-4 Patriots hit the second half of their 17-game

season, Jones's midseason report card is filled with high marks.

After a 1-3 start, the results are now coming. The Patriots are riding a three-game win streak and have ascended into the seventh and final playoff spot in the AFC. They also are 10th in the NFL in scoring at 25.6 points per game.

Jones is improving as the season progresses. His stats took a significant jump almost across the board from September to October; he threw more touchdown passes,

fewer interceptions, completed a higher percentage of passes, took fewer sacks, and pushed the ball downfield more.

"I think Mac has made progress in basically everything we're trying to do," offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels said. "We put a lot on the quarterback, and he's never shied away from that. He's always loved the burden that we put on the quarterback."

Let's take a closer look at Jones's performance through nine games.

Against the the NFL, vs. the Rookies

Jones's numbers are average or slightly below average compared with the rest of the NFL. He ranks 21st in passing yards per game, 20th in touchdown passes, 19th in yards per attempt, 22nd in passer rating, and has the 10th-most interceptions.

Compared with his fellow

Turn to Patriots, Page 2

UCONN FOOTBALL

Freshman QB out for season

Phommachanh will miss chance to play brother at Clemson

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

Tyler and Taisun Phommachanh will have a much-needed reunion on Saturday when UConn plays at Clemson, but it will have to be limited to the sidelines.

Tyler Phommachanh, UConn's promising freshman quarterback, is out for the season following surgery to repair a torn ACL.

"Everything happens for a reason," Tyler said. "I just try to use it as motivation for next year, get ready and focus on what I have to do to be successful and come back even better."

The Huskies turned to Phommachanh in the fourth week of the season. After productive starts against Army and Wyoming, he injured his knee after an 18-yard scramble at Vanderbilt early in the game on Oct. 2. UConn has kept the nature of injury under wraps for six weeks, but interim coach Lou Spanos acknowledged on Tuesday that he is out for the season.

"As soon as it happened, I got up and I looked at Jay Rose," Phommachanh said. "I said, 'my knee,' it felt fine, but I just felt like something was wrong with it. I tried to take a couple of steps, I went down, then I got up and ran off the field."

The surgery was needed to stabilize the knee. It is usually an 8- to 12-month recovery process.

Phommachanh had completed 35 of 72 passes for 321 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions and rushed 24 times for 137 yards in roughly nine quarters of action.

This has been a year filled with highs and hardships for the Phommachanh brothers, dual-threat quarterbacks who grew up in Stratford and played at Avon Old Farms. Last December, a fire destroyed the family's home in Stratford a day after the death of their grandmother. Their grandfather, who lives in Haiti, was there during the earthquake in August but is still right.

Turn to Football, Page 4

Up next

UConn at Clemson, Saturday, noon, ACC Network



Safety Tip of the Day

Looking to buy a car seat for a child? Check to be sure the product is on the American Academy of Pediatrics list. They list only seats that meet federal motor vehicle safety standards and are approved for use in the United States.

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

UConn football: Clemson, Saturday, noon

Patriots: Browns, Sunday, 1 p.m.

Giants: Bye; at Buccaneers, Nov. 22, 8:15 p.m.

Jets: Bills, Sunday, 1 p.m.

UConn MBB: Coppin State (XL Center), Saturday, noon; LIU (Gampel), Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m.; Binghamton (XL Center), Nov. 20, noon

UConn WBB: Arkansas (XL Center), Sunday, 1 p.m.; vs. Minnesota (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Nov. 20, noon; vs. TBA (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Nov. 21, time TBA

Celtics: Raptors, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Bucks, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; at Cavaliers, Saturday, 8 p.m.

Knicks: Bucks, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Hornets, Friday, 7 p.m.; Pacers, Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Nets: at Magic, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Pelicans, Friday, 8 p.m.; at Thunder, Sunday, 7 p.m.

UConn hockey: Boston College, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Providence, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at UMass Lowell, Nov. 20, 6 p.m.

Bruins: Oilers, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Devils, Saturday, 1 p.m.; Canadiens, Sunday, 7 p.m.

Rangers: at Blue Jackets, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Devils, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Canadiens, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Wolf Pack: at Springfield, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Providence, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Bridgeport, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.

SPORTS ON TV

Men’s College Basketball
Buffalo at Michigan. 6:30 p.m. BIGTEN
Fairleigh Dickinson at Seton Hall. 7 p.m. FS1
Youngstown State at Penn State. 8:30 p.m. BIGTEN
Pennsylvania at Florida State. 9 p.m. ACC
Coppin State at DePaul. 9 p.m. FS1

NBA
Washington at Cleveland. 7 p.m. NBCSWA
Detroit at Houston. 7:30 p.m. ESPN
Miami at L.A. Lakers. 10:05 p.m. ESPN
Brooklyn at Orlando. 7 p.m. YES.
Toronto at Boston. 7:30 p.m. NBCSB.
Milwaukee at NY Knicks. 7:30 p.m. MSG.

Women’s College Basketball
Southern Illinois at Tennessee. 7 p.m. SEC

College Football
Toledo at Bowling Green. 7 p.m. CBSSN
Ball State at Northern Illinois. 7 p.m. ESPN2
Kent State at Central Michigan. 8 p.m. ESPNU

Golf
Women’s: Amateur Asia-Pacific Championship, Second Round. 1 a.m. GOLF
European PGA Tour: AVIV Dubai Championship, First Round. 5 a.m. GOLF

NHL
Toronto at Philadelphia. 7:30 p.m. NHL
Minnesota at Arizona. 10 p.m. TNT

College Soccer
BIG Semifinal: Teams TBA. Noon
BIGTEN
BIG Semifinal: Teams TBA. 2 p.m. BIGTEN

Tennis
Center Court. 6 a.m. TENNIS
Center Court. 6 p.m. TENNIS
Center Court. 8:30 p.m. TENNIS
Women’s College Volleyball Georgia at Kentucky. 6 p.m. ESPN
South Carolina at Auburn. 9 p.m. SEC

MLB

Yankees scout Verlander at showcase in Florida

New York Daily News

The Yankees did have a representative in Jupiter, Fla., on Monday, watching as a two-time Cy-Young winner coming back from injury threw a short showcase for teams. Sound familiar? Well, this time it was Justin Verlander that drew the Yankees and 14 other teams’ scouts looking for a reclamation project for their rotation.

“He looked good physically, the velocity was good,” one scout said. “He looks like he’s going to pitch into his 40s.”

Verlander threw 25 pitches according to the scout and his velocity was in his normal range, touching 96. That’s a limited display for teams to go on to make a decision about a deal that will have to be better than the \$18.4 million the qualifying offer is worth.

While Jordan Montgomery and Nestor Cortes showed they deserve spots heading into 2022, there are questions behind them and Cole in the Yankees rotation.

Taillon had offseason surgery to repair the partially torn tendon in his right ankle, which forced him to leave a start in the second inning

of a game in September. The initial prognosis is for Taillon to be out five months, which means he could be ready in time for Opening Day if there no setbacks at all. So the Yankees have to be a little concerned about his comeback timeline.

They also have to be at least a little concerned about both Luis Severino and Domingo German, who were both limited by injuries in 2021. German — who missed an entire year of pitching to big leaguers because of his domestic violence suspension — pitched just 98.1 innings for the Yankees (102.1 with minor league appearances) because of a shoulder issue that lingered much longer than expected this season.

And Severino, who was expected back from March 2020 Tommy John surgery in mid-summer, was set back by a hamstring injury and then shoulder tightness. He did not make his season debut until Sept. 21.

They got some exciting promise from rookie Luis Gil this season and can hope Clarke Schmidt and Deivi Garcia are working this winter to get better and force their way into consideration at

spring training. Gil had a spectacular run to make his major league debut this year, but also showed he’s still learning and growing. After a taste of the big leagues, he should be driven to get back there. Meanwhile, Schmidt lost most of his season to the elbow strain he suffered the first day of throwing in spring training.

Garcia has to rediscover himself. The Yankees spent a lot of time last year, when he had a solid major league rookie season, and early this year talking about changing his delivery to be less rotational. It didn’t go well. Garcia had a disastrous season in the minors and needs to figure out a delivery that works for him.

Mets looking at former Nationals executive: Sandy Alderson indicated the Mets are close to naming their next GM, and on Tuesday a new name surfaced. Former Nationals assistant general manager Adam Cromie is among the candidates in the mix to become the Mets GM, according to the Washington Post. Cromie recently worked in Pittsburgh as an attorney for Jones Day, listed as the 13th highest-grossing law firm

in the world. At Jones Day, Cromie focused his practice on mergers and acquisitions.

Cromie left the Nats front office in 2017 after a decade with the club to pursue a legal career. He was one of the Nationals’ architects that led them to playoff appearances in 2014 and 2016.

After spending a few years climbing up the organization’s ladder, the Nats named Cromie their director of baseball operations and analytics in October 2010. He was promoted to assistant general manager and vice president in 2014. Cromie attended night classes at Georgetown University while balancing his role as assistant GM, according to CBS Sports. The Nationals were aware he intended to pursue a legal career years before he left the organization to do so.

Alderson, at the GM Meetings in Carlsbad, Calif., said Tuesday that the Mets are still considering “several” candidates for the role of GM. He indicated the Mets would name an individual by the end of the week, officially ending their six-week search for a front office leader.

NFL

Giants will use time off during bye to get healthy

By Associated Press

Joe Judge took somewhat of a baseball approach to his bye week practice with the New York Giants.

The second-year coach had split squads on Tuesday, one of two days the Giants (3-6) will work before getting four days off to relax during the bye.

The A-team for a lack of a designation by the team consisted mostly of the players who get the majority of time on game day, and some of the older guys. They got to work with the trainers and strength staff during the one-hour workout.

The rest of the team — the backups and practice squad players — were on the field for developmental work. There were also some meetings and self-scout sessions but nothing too strenuous.

“There’s a large focus right now trying to get our team healthy and fresh,” said Judge, whose team

has dealt with injuries as much as opponents this season. “We had a lot of guys play a lot of snaps and they’ve done a good job for us. And there are some older guys I want to make sure get as much rest as they can this week.”

Coming off a win over the Raiders (5-3) on Sunday, the Giants are hopeful their ranks swell during the bye week.

Star running back Saquon Barkley, who has missed the past four games, and left tackle Andrew Thomas are expected back from ankle injuries. Wide receivers Kenny Golladay (knee) and rookie Kadarius Toney (ankle, thumb) just returned for the game on Sunday and saw limited action. The Giants still have 16 players on injured reserve.

Veteran safety Logan Ryan said getting everyone healthy is a must for the final eight games.

“That’s what we can control right now. We can control getting

healthy, resting, cleaning up some things, watching film,” Ryan said. “But for sure, we need to get some guys back, have a strong push and we need to continue playing some good ball on defense and get some of our playmakers back on offense, and put it all together.”

This is a very different bye week for the Giants compared to last season. The COVID-19 outbreak forced them to work virtually during the bye week.

Jets place May, Kroft on IR: Safety Marcus Maye and tight end Tyler Kroft were placed on injured reserve by the Jets. Maye is out for the season with a torn Achilles tendon, suffered on a non-contact play early in the third quarter of New York’s 45-30 loss at Indianapolis last Thursday night.

The 28-year-old Maye could have played his final game with the Jets. He played this season on the franchise tag after he and the team failed to reach an agreement on a

long-term deal in the offseason. Maye could become a free agent after the season.

Patriots could avoid Chubb: The Browns didn’t have much time to celebrate their biggest win this season before being hit with another off-field issue.

Star running back Nick Chubb was placed on the COVID-19/ reserve list Tuesday after testing positive and could miss this week’s game at New England, the latest obstacle for a Cleveland team that spent last week working out a separation with Odell Beckham Jr.

One of the NFL’s best backs, Chubb was placed on the list along with rookie running back/wide receiver Demetric Felton. It’s still possible that Chubb and Felton, who are both vaccinated, could play against the Patriots this week as long as they’re symptom free and have two negative tests separated by 24 hours.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Hartford opens season with NEC loss at Wagner

By Staff and Wire Reports

Jared Kimbrough scored 13 points in his Hartford debut but the Hawks dropped their season opener, a 77-59 Northeast Conference loss at Wagner on Tuesday night in Staten Island, N.Y.

Kimbrough, a senior transfer from LaSalle, was 5 of 9 from the field in 28 minutes.

Moses Flowers had 12 points and five rebounds for the Hawks. Ten first-half turnovers allowed Wanger to build a 45-28 lead at the half. In all Hartford turned the ball over 18 times.

Will Martinez had 18 points and eight rebounds to lead the Seahawks. Alex Morales added 15

points and Raekwon Rogers 10.

Providence 80, Fairfield 73: At Providence, R.I., Nate Watson had a game-high 22 points and added six rebounds to lead the Friars to the season-opening win.

Aljami Durham had 18 points, A.J. Reeves 13 and Noah Horchier 10 and 11 rebounds.

Zach Crisler led four Stags in double figures with 14. Taj Benning had 13 and seven rebounds, Jake Wojcik 12 and T.J. Long 11.

Fairfield trailed by seven at the half, 42-35, but played their Big East opponent even in the second.

Villanova 91, Mount St. Mary’s 51: At Villanova, Pa., Jay Wright pulled a stat sheet over toward Collin Gillespie and whispered

at the star guard for No. 4 Villanova, pointing at a couple of gaudy numbers. Gillespie and Justin Moore combined for 12 assists and no turnovers on Tuesday in a season-opening 91-51 win over Mount St. Mary’s.

Gillespie scored 13 points in his first game back since suffering a torn MCL in his left knee. Moore hit six 3-pointers and scored a career-high 27 points for the Big East favorite Wildcats. Brandon Slater and Jermaine Samuels each added 17.

Maryland 83, Quinnipiac 69: At College Park, Md., Eric Ayala scored 13 points, surpassing 1,000 for his career, to lead No. 21 Maryland. Qudus Wahab added 17

points for the Terrapins, who led by 16 at halftime and never let Quinnipiac get closer than the final margin of 14.

Maryland (1-0) won its 45th consecutive home opener and improved to 28-2 against current members of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. Matt Balanc scored 25 points and Tyrese Williams added 19 for Quinnipiac, which faced Maryland for the first time.

Quinnipiac (0-1) led only once in the game, after a 3-pointer by Williams put the Bobcats up 3-2. The Terps gradually pulled away as the half progressed. A dunk by Scott made it 35-15. It was 41-25 at halftime, and the lead grew to as many as 24 points in the second.

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rookies, though, Jones looks like Johnny Unitas. He ranks first among rookies in passing yards, touchdown passes, completion percentage, yards per attempt, and passer rating, and has the fewest interceptions of the five regular starters. Not bad for the fifth quarterback drafted last April.

Jones’s five wins are as many as Trevor Lawrence, Zach Wilson, Trey Lance, Justin Fields, and Davis Mills have combined.

Protecting the ball

Jones’s seven interceptions are 10th-most in the NFL, though on a per-pass basis, he ranks 14th with interceptions on 2.3% of his passes. But he has improved by month. In three September games, his TD-INT ratio was 2:3. In five October games, it was 7:3.

In his five wins, Jones has four touchdown passes and two interceptions. He’s not lighting up the scoreboard, but he’s keeping the ball away from the other team.

In the four losses, Jones has six touchdown passes and five interceptions. He has to be more aggressive, and it leads to more scores and more turnovers. Five of Jones’s seven interceptions have come while trailing.



Mac Jones of the New England Patriots calls a play at the line during the third quarter against the Carolina Panthers at Bank of America Stadium on Sunday in Charlotte, North Carolina. FILE

Pushing downfield

The most important statistic for a quarterback arguably is yards per attempt, as it accounts for incompletions and how well he pushes the ball downfield.

Jones ranks 19th in the NFL in yards per attempt at 7.12, below the league average of 7.34. But he ranks higher than Josh Allen, Patrick Mahomes, Roethlisberger, and Jared Goff, and of course all of the other rookie quarterbacks.

And Jones has gotten markedly more aggressive from month to month. In September, Jones was Captain Checkdown, averaging 6.14 yards per attempt (29th). In October, he averaged 7.77 (13th).

Blitz

Jones is getting blitzed a ton, with mixed results. His 103 pass attempts against the blitz are by far the most in the NFL, with Cousins next at 85. Jones’s 11.4 pass attempts per game against the blitz are third behind Prescott and Tyrod Taylor (11.7 each).

The blitz does seem to rattle Jones a bit. His 62.1 completion percentage ranks 19th. His 6.65 yards per attempt rank 23rd. He has three touchdown passes and a league-high five interceptions against the blitz, as well as seven sacks.

Jones’s 71.1 passer rating against the blitz ranks 29th out of 33 quarterbacks.

Passing by down, and red zone

Jones has been at his best on first down. He has five touchdown passes, one interception, averages 8.2 yards per attempt, and has a 104.5 passer rating, which is 11th in the NFL. He has nine completions of at least 25 yards on first down, tied for third-most.

His numbers take a bit of a dive on second and third down. On second down, his yards per attempt dip to 6.36, and his 82.8 rating ranks 26th.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	8	4	.667	—
Brooklyn	7	4	.636	½
New York	7	4	.636	½
Toronto	6	5	.545	1½
Boston	4	6	.400	3
SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	7	3	.700	—
Washington	7	3	.700	—
Charlotte	5	7	.417	3
Atlanta	4	7	.364	3½
Orlando	3	8	.273	4½
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	7	3	.700	—
Cleveland	7	4	.636	½
Milwaukee	5	6	.455	2½
Indiana	4	7	.364	3½
Detroit	1	8	.111	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	7	3	.700	—
Memphis	6	4	.600	1
San Antonio	3	7	.300	4
Houston	1	9	.100	6
New Orleans	1	10	.091	6½
NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Utah	7	3	.700	—
Denver	6	4	.600	1
Portland	5	5	.500	2
Oklahoma City	3	6	.333	3½
Minnesota	3	6	.333	3½
PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Golden State	9	1	.900	—
Phoenix	6	3	.667	2½
L.A. Clippers	4	4	.556	3½
L.A. Lakers	5	6	.455	3½
Sacramento	5	6	.455	4½

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Milwaukee 118, Philadelphia 109
Atlanta at Utah, late
Portland at L.A. Clippers, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Brooklyn at Orlando, 7p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 7p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 7:30p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 7:30p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30p.m.
Charlotte at Memphis, 8p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8p.m.
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 8p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 8:30p.m.
Indiana at Denver, 9p.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 9p.m.
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 10p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
New York 103, Philadelphia 96
Chicago 118, Brooklyn 95
Dallas 108, New Orleans 92
Memphis 125, Minnesota 118(OT)
Denver 113, Miami 96
Phoenix 109, Sacramento 104
Golden State 127, Atlanta 113
L.A. Lakers 126, Charlotte 123(OT)

ODDS

NBA FAVORITE	WEDNESDAY LINE O/U UNDERDOG
Brooklyn	8 (210½) at Orlando
Washington	4½ (213½) at Cleveland
at Houston	off (off) Detroit
at New York	2 (215½) Milwaukee
at Boston	3 (209½) Toronto
at Chicago	3½ (212½) Dallas
at Memphis	5 (227½) Charlotte
at New Orleans	off (off) Okla. City
at San Antonio	½ (221½) Sacramento
at Denver	off (off) Indiana
at Phoenix	off (off) Portland
Miami	4 (214½) at L.A. Lakers
at Golden St.	7½ (221½) Minnesota

NHL FAVORITE	WEDNESDAY LINE UNDERDOG LINE
Toronto	-131 at Phila. +110
at Dallas	+149 Nashville +126
Minnesota	-202 at Arizona +167

COLLEGE BASKETBALL FAVORITE	WEDNESDAY LINE O/U UNDERDOG
at Temple	28 (135½) Md.-E. Shore
at Rutgers	20 (144½) Lehigh
at Seton Hall	16½(150½) Fair. Dcknsn
at Wake Forest	14½(144½) William&Mary
at UConn	19 (143) Robert Morris
at Texas A&M	15½ (143) N. Florida
at Kansas St.	18 (136) Florida A&M
at Mississippi	St.20½(144½) N. Alabama
at Vanderbilt	26 (141½) Alabama St.
at Tulsa	18½ (144) Northwstrn St.
at Penn St.	19½(150½) Yngstwn St.
FAU	3 (139½) at N. Mexico
at Florida St.	20½(152½) Penn
at DePaul	24 (148) Coppin St.
at Wyoming	at UNLV
at UNLV	10 (145½) Gardnr-Webb
Pacific	5½ (141½) at N. Colo.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL FAVORITE	WEDNESDAY SP O/U UNDERDOG
Toledo	10½ (50) at Bowl. G.
Ball State	2½ (61½) at N. Illinois
at C. Michigan	2½ (75) Kent State

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
at Pittsburgh	6½ (73) N. Carolina
Cincinnati	23½ (58) at S. Florida
at Boise St.	13½(48½) Wyoming

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
at SMU	7 (60) UCF
at Memphis	5½ (59) E. Carolina
Houston	24½(54½) at Temple
at Indiana	7 (42) Rutgers
at Alabama	51½ (67) N. Mex. St.
Michigan	24 (41½) at Penn St.
at Wisconsin	24 (41½) Northwstrn
at Louisville	3 (55½) Syracuse
at Kansas St.	6½ (47) W. Virginia
at Auburn	5½ (50) Miss. St.
Oklahoma	5½ (62½) at Baylor
at Clemson	41 (50) UConn
Utah	24 (54) at Arizona
at Co. Carolina	10½ (52) Georgia St.
W. Kentucky	18 (62½) at Rice
at Appalachian St.	22½(52½) S. Alabama
at Texas St.	2½ (53½) Ga Sthern
at Iowa	5½ (37) Minnesota
at Ohio St.	20 (62) Purdue
Georgia	20½ (56) at Tenn.
Miami	2½ (61) at Florida St.
at Virginia Tech	11½ (50) Duke
Iowa St.	10½ (58½) at Texas Tech
Air Force	2½ (45½) at Colo. St.
at Louisiana Tech	6½ (57) Charlotte
at Marshall	5 (54½) UAB
La.-Lafayette	7 (48) at Troy
at Mid-Tennessee	10 (56) FIU
FAU	7 (48) at Old Dmn.
at UTSA	33 (54½) So. Miss.
Tulsa	3 (56½) at Tulane
at Michigan St.	13 (61½) Maryland
at Missouri	1 (55) S. Carolina
UTEP	1½ (55) at N. Texas
Hawaii	3 (57) at UNLV
at La.-Monroe	3 (66½) Ark. St.
at Oregon St.	12 (55½) Stanford
Kentucky	21 (52½)at Vanderbilt
Arizona St.	5½ (44) at Wash.
Texas A&M	2½ (55½)atMississippi
Air Force	2½ (45½) at Colo. St.
at Fresno St.	24½(50½) N. Mexico
Arkansas	2½ (59) at LSU
at Wake Forest	2 (66½) NC State
at Texas	30½(61½) Kansas
Notre Dame	5½ (64½) at Virginia
at Oklahoma St.	10 (44½) TCU
at UCLA	16½(56½) Colorado
at Oregon	14 (56½) Wash. St.
at San Jose St.	4½ (56½) Utah St.
at San Diego St.	2½ (46½) Nevada

NFL WEEK 10 FAVORITE	THURSDAY SP O/U UNDERDOG
Baltimore	7½ (46½) at Miami

SUNDAY	SUNDAY
Buffalo	13 (47½) at NY Jets
Tampa Bay	9½ (51½) at Wash.
at Dallas	9 (54½) Atlanta
at Tennessee	3 (44½) New OrL.
at Indianapolis	10½(47½) Jacksonville
at Pittsburgh	9 (42½) Detroit
at New England	1½ (45½) Cleveland
at LA Chargers	2½ (52½) Minnesota
at Arizona	10 (44½) Carolina
at Denver	2½ (44) Philadelphia
at Green Bay	3½ (49½) Seattle
Kansas City	2½ (51½) at Las Vegas

MONDAY	THURSDAY
LA Rams	4 (49) at San Fran.

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MLS CUP PLAYOFFS EAST FIRST ROUND
Phi. vs. NY Red Bulls, Nov. 20, 2:30p.m.
Nashville vs. Orlando, Nov. 23, 8 p.m.
N.Y. City vs. Atlanta, Nov. 21, 3 p.m.
WEST FIRST ROUND
Seattle vs. Salt Lake, Nov. 23, 10:30 p.m.
Sporting KC vs. Vancouver, Nov. 20, 10 p.m.
Portland vs. Minnesota, Nov. 21, 5:30 p.m.

NWSL PLAYOFFS SUNDAY'S SEMIFINALS
OL Reign vs. Washington, 3p.m.
Portland vs. Chicago, 5:30p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Florida	12	10	1	1	21	49	28			
Toronto	12	7	5	1	15	34	40			
Tampa Bay	11	6	3	2	14	35	35			
Detroit	13	6	5	2	14	39	44			
Buffalo	12	5	5	2	12	36	36			
Boston	9	5	4	0	10	25	26			
Ottawa	11	3	7	1	7	28	40			
Montreal	13	3	10	0	6	26	45			
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Carolina	10	9	1	0	18	39	20			
N.Y. Rangers	13	7	3	3	17	33	37			
Washington	12	6	2	4	16	42	32			
Philadelphia	10	6	2	2	14	32	25			
Columbus	10	7	3	0	14	32	28			
N.Y. Islanders	10	5	3	2	12	27	25			
New Jersey	10	5	3	2	12	26	30			
Pittsburgh	10	4	3	3	11	33	32			
WESTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Minnesota	11	8	3	0	16	37	36			
St. Louis	10	7	2	1	15	37	25			
Winnipeg	11	6	3	2	14	37	32			
Nashville	12	6	5	1	13	32	33			
Dallas	11	4	5	2	10	25	35			
Colorado	10	4	5	1	9	30	36			
Chicago	13	2	9	2	6	28	48			
Arizona	12	1	10	1	3	19	49			
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Edmonton	10	9	1	0	18	45	28			
Calgary	11	7	1	3	17	40	22			
Anaheim	13	6	4	3	15	42	37			
San Jose	11	6	4	1	13	32	30			
Los Angeles	12	6	5	1	13	38	33			
Vegas	12	6	6	0	12	33	38			
Vancouver	12	5	6	1	11	33	33			
Seattle	12	4	7	1	9	34	40			

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Carolina at Tampa Bay, late
Florida at New Jersey, late
Los Angeles at Montreal, late
Ottawa at Boston, late
Edmonton at Detroit, late
St. Louis at Winnipeg, late
Pittsburgh at Chicago, late
San Jose at Calgary, late
Anaheim at Vancouver, late
Seattle at Vegas, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
Nashville at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Minnesota at Arizona, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Los Angeles 5, Toronto 1
Washington 5, Buffalo 3
N.Y. Rangers 4, Florida 3

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE										
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA				
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	235	118				
New England	5	4	0	.556	230	170				
N.Y. Jets	2	6	0	.250	144	251				
Miami	2	7	0	.222	155	242				
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA				
Tennessee	7	2	0	.778	255	211				
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	245	213				
Jacksonville	2	6	0	.250	132	209				
Houston	1	8	0	.111	128	258				
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA				
Baltimore	6	2	0	.750	221	195				
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	.625	161	169				
Cincinnati	4	4	0	.556	236	203				
Cleveland	5	4	0	.556	224	196				
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA				
L.A. Chargers	5	3	0	.625	199	201				
Las Vegas	5	3	0	.625	196	189				
Denver	5	4	0	.556	187	153				
Kansas City	5	4	0	.556	221	227				

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Dallas	6	2	0	.750	241	192
N.Y. Giants	3	6	0	.333	179	216
Philadelphia	3	6	0	.333	227	218
Washington	2	6	0	.250	156	227
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	6	2	0	.750	260	183
New Orleans	5	3	0	.625	201	155
Atlanta	4	4	0	.500	175	220
Carolina	4	5	0	.444	171	183
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Green Bay	7	2	0	.778	199	180
Minnesota	3	5	0	.375	194	191
Chicago	3	6	0	.333	150	224
Detroit	0	8	0	.000	134	244
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Arizona	8	1	0	.889	271	156
A.L.A. Rams	7	2	0	.778	267	195
San Francisco	3	5	0	.375	185	202
Seattle	3	5	0	.375	181	169

FOOTBALL
Saturday: UConn at
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Sunday: Arkansas at UConn,
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UConn women's basketball



UConn's Paige Bueckers, left, gets one of her five steals against Fort Hays State's Emma Ruddle in an exhibition game at Gampel Pavilion. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Bueckers, teammates on watch lists for Wooden, Naismith awards

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

UConn women's basketball sophomore Paige Bueckers, who became the first freshman to win the John R. Wooden award and the Naismith Trophy last season, was named to the watch list for both awards on Tuesday.

Bueckers was one of five UConn women's players selected to the 2021-22 John R. Wooden Preseason Top 50 watch list and one of four Huskies chosen for the 2022 Naismith Trophy women's watch list.

Bueckers, fellow sophomore Aaliyah Edwards, seniors Christyn Williams and Olivia Nelson-Ododa and freshman Azzi Fudd were named to the Wooden watch list.

Nelson-Ododa, Williams, Bueckers and Fudd also were on the Naismith watch list, announced by the Atlantic Tipoff Club on Tuesday.

In addition to the Wooden and Naismith awards last season, Bueckers also won the AP Player of the Year award and the Nancy Lieberman Award as a freshman. She is this year's Big East

preseason player of the year, an AP preseason All-American and on the watch list for the 2022 Nancy Lieberman Award given to the country's top point guard.

Nelson-Ododa was the Big East Defensive Player of the Year last season and was named to the 2022 Lisa Leslie Award watch list, which honors the country's best center.

Williams was named to the NCAA Tournament All-Region team and Big East All-Tournament team last season and named to the Ann Meyers Drysdale Award watch list for the 2021-22 season that honors to the nation's best shooting guard.

Edwards was the Big East Sixth Woman of the Year last season and is featured on the 2022 Katrina McClain Award watch list for the nation's top power forward.

Fudd, the No. 1 recruit in the 2021 class, was tabbed as the preseason Big East Freshman of the Year and was named to the 2022 Ann Meyers Drysdale Award watch list.

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was diagnosed with COVID-19 mid-season.

"I think I'm finding myself back to that [shooting consistency]," Juhász said. "I think I had a good summer session preparing, and I just keep getting shots up on my own, do extra shooting. I want to make sure that my teammates have trust in me to pass the ball in games, that I can take those shots and make them."

"If she can make a couple of those on a regular basis," Auriemma said, "I think that's a huge help for what we're trying to do."

Juhász's impact on the game came through in other ways, too. She got in the passing lane in one of her first plays on the court to come up with the steal and later on blocked a shot on the perimeter. She recorded just one assist (to Piath Gabriel late in the fourth) but had some really nice passes throughout the game.

She also showed the ability to play in various lineup combinations, including in smaller ones alongside redshirt senior Evina Westbrook or freshman Caroline Ducharme and bigger ones alongside senior Olivia Nelson-Ododa.

Juhász, Edwards and Nelson-Ododa each bring skill sets to the court that complement each other, and they can back each other up should someone get in foul trouble.

"I think I got much better throughout the whole summer and preseason, just to get to know them to see how I can move with them," Juhász said. "But I know that [Nelson-Ododa and I are] looking for each other and we're helping each other out. We both can make shots so we can spice it up a little bit together."

Juhász, who has two years of eligibility remaining, says she came to UConn willing to do whatever they need her to do to win, which could depend on the matchup on any given day.

You can count on her to come through with her effort, which Auriemma has complimented, and a willingness to learn under the UConn coaching staff. At the same time, don't expect her to veer too far from her basketball identity. That's what the Huskies are banking on, at least.

"My aggressiveness, my shooting, my rebounding, I want to stay true to that and keep doing that, and I think that can be what I can bring to the team, just keep being me."

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UConn men's basketball coach Dan Hurley directs Jalen Gaffney, left, as he defends against Davonte Sweatman during the first period. MARK MIRKOTHE HARTFORD COURANT

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it's tough to guard me."

It played like an exhibition game, but at least nominally it counted in the standings, as will the Huskies' second outing against Coppin State at the XL Center on Saturday.

R.J. Cole scored 15 points, hitting his three 3-point shots, and Tyrese Martin added another 15 for the Huskies. Perhaps the most exciting development was Akok Akok, who finally looked as active as before his Achilles surgery, with nine points, including a 3-pointer, seven rebounds and two blocks.

Central's Joe Ostrowsky scored 12, but the Blue Devils turned it over 29 times.

"We prepared for the last two weeks against pressure and against what we thought we were going to see," Central coach Patrick Sellers said. "But you just can't duplicate that size and length [in practice]."

These Huskies reminded Sellers of the teams of the early 2000s when he was on Jim Calhoun's staff. Sanogo reminded him a little of Jeff Adrien, who played in the NBA.

"These guys have a chance to be a special team," Sellers said. "You could see [Sanogo] playing in the NBA someplace down the road."

With a full house, the first at Gampel since before the pandemic, UConn came out "with force," as Hurley had called for, and didn't show the typical tendency to play down to the level of competition in a game like this.

"We're a very talented team and we all know that," Cole said. "It's just a matter of us playing to our

identity every day and making sure we come out with the necessary toughness and grit, and everything else will fall into place."

Hawkins day to day; Floyd does not dress

Freshman Jordan Hawkins, who injured his right ankle Saturday, did not dress for the game. Hurley said the news from the various tests was good and Hawkins could make his debut on Saturday.

"I don't think he'll miss much beyond that if he does miss that game," Hurley said.

Freshman guard Corey Floyd Jr., who reclassified and graduated from high school in three years, did not dress. Hurley said his status will be addressed Wednesday.

Jackson starts, impresses

Sophomore Andre Jackson joined the four returning starters in the lineup and played 25 minutes, the most on the team, and had nine points, four assists and three steals.

"The three steals, the block, his length is incredibly disruptive," Hurley said. "He can be really, really dynamic on offense. It was a good first run for him."

Freshman Samson Johnson, Hurley said, was a bit too ramped up.

Debut for Sellers

After more than 20 years as an assistant, Sellers, 52, made his debut as a college head coach.

UConn 99, Central 48												
Central	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT					
Scantlebury	24	5-10	0-0	0	1	2	11					
Mitchell	25	2-5	3-7	0	1	2	8					
Krishnan	23	1-4	2-2	0	0	2	4					
McLaughlin	15	0-4	0-0	1	1	0	0					
Olamuyiwa	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0					
Ostrowsky	21	4-6	2-2	1	2	0	12					
Ayangma	23	4-9	0-0	5	0	1	8					
Newkirk	14	1-6	0-0	0	0	3	3					
Snoddy	26	1-3	0-1	9	2	2	2					
Dehnavi	15	0-2	0-0	2	0	2	0					
Sweatman	11	0-2	0-0	1	1	0	0					
TOTALS	—	18-51	7-12	23	8	14	48					
Three-point goals: 5-15, 33.3 (Ostrowsky 2-4, Scantlebury 1-1, Newkirk 1-2, Mitchell 1-4, Krishnan 0-1, Ayangma 0-1, McLaughlin 0-2).												
FG pct.: 35.3. FT pct.: 58.3. Team rebounds: 4.												
Turnovers: 29 (Snoddy 7, Team 5, Scantlebury 3, Sweatman 3, Mitchell 2, Krishnan 2, Ostrowsky 2, Newkirk 2, McLaughlin, Olamuyiwa, Dehnavi).												
Blocks: 1 (Snoddy). Steals: 6 (Scantlebury 3, Krishnan, McLaughlin, Snoddy).												
UConn	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT					
Sanogo	24	9-11	2-2	5	1	3	20					
Cole	24	5-6	2-2	3	3	1	15					
Martin	22	6-9	1-1	2	2	1	14					
Jackson	26	2-5	5-6	6	3	1	9					
Whaley	23	4-4	0-0	3	2	1	8					
Polley	20	3-7	4-4	3	1	2	11					
Gaffney	19	4-6	0-2	0	3	4	0					
Akok	17	3-7	1-2	7	1	0	8					
Diggins	9	1-4	0-0	0	0	1	2					
Johnson	6	1-3	0-0	1	0	3	2					
Spring	6	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0					
Hurley	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0					
Garry	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0					
TOTALS	—	38-62	15-19	34	16	18	99					
Three-point goals: 8-13, 61.5 (Cole 3-3, Gaffney 2-3, Martin 1-1, Akok 1-1, Polley 1-2, Jackson 0-1, Diggins 0-1, Johnson 0-1). FG pct.: 61.3. FT pct.: 78.9. Team rebounds: 1. Turnovers: 14 (Jackson 4, Sanogo 2, Martin 2, Whaley 2, Gaffney, Diggins, Spring, Garry). Blocks: 9 (Sanogo 3, Akok 3, Whaley 2, Jackson). Steals: 15 (Jackson 3, Gaffney 3, Martin 2, Polley 2, Akok 2, Sanogo, Cole, Diggins).												
Central	23	25	—	48								
UConn	52	47	—	99								
Officials: Evans, Burroughs, Anderson. Att.: 10,167 at Gampel Pavilion, Storrs.												

"I'm a basketball lifer," he said. "I'm a basketball junkie. I've been doing it a long time. One of friends always says once you slide over 18 inches everything changes, and it does change. Everybody's looking at you in the huddle."

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Football

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Taisun, a redshirt sophomore, tore the Achilles' tendon in his left heel in April and was thought to be out for the season but made it back for the start of the season as the Tigers' No. 2 quarterback. He has played in four games, completing 10 of 18 passes for 98 yards, a touchdown and an interception and rushed eight times for 53 yards.

"I would have loved to have played," Tyler Phommachanh said. "I spoke to [Taisun] Monday, going back and forth, talking a little smack. It'll be amazing, I haven't seen him probably since the fire. It'll be amazing just to see him and have my family there with me and have that family atmosphere around. All that craziness has definitely brought us closer together, although we were already close, so I don't know how much closer we could get."

"We're holding up fine. we've just been trying to stay positive. We had a rough couple of months, but it is what it is and we've got to keep it moving."



UConn freshman quarterback Tyler Phommachanh is out for the season after having knee surgery. But at least he will be reunited with his brother when the Huskies play at Clemson this week. STEW MILNE/AP

UConn (1-8) will be paid \$1.2 million for this trip to Clemson, a perennial championship contender. The Tigers (6-3) are not having a vintage year but are 39 ½-point favorites.

"What we're talking about here is memories," Spanos said. "How

enjoyable for the family on the sideline, the picture will last a lifetime. The weekend, it's special. That's what makes college athletics so unique."

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SHORTS

Rodgers: 'I misled ... about my status'



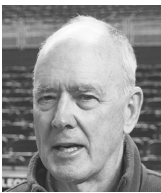
Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers says he stands behind the comments he made last week about why he didn't get vaccinated for COVID-19, but acknowledges misleading some people about his status before testing positive. Rodgers spoke Tuesday on "The Pat McAfee Show" on YouTube and SiriusXM, four days after discussing on the same outlet his reasons for avoiding a vaccine. Rodgers tested positive Wednesday, was unavailable to play in the Packers' 13-7 loss Sunday to the Chiefs and remains quarantined in his Green Bay home. "I shared an opinion that's polarizing," Rodgers said. "I get it. And I misled some people about my status, which I take full responsibility of, those comments. But in the end, I have to stay true to who I am and what I'm about. I stand behind the things that I said." When he was asked about his vaccination status in an Aug. 26 news conference, Rodgers replied by saying, "Yeah, I'm immunized." ESPN reported Tuesday night that the NFL fined the Packers \$300,000, and Rodgers and receiver Allen Lazard each \$14,650 for violations of COVID protocols.

Curry nets 10th career 50-point game



Stephen Curry's personal shooting coach and passing man, Bruce Fraser, offered some pregame thoughts that worked wonders to get the reigning scoring champion right back in rhythm. "We kind of talked about certain preparations into my shot, just certain mechanics that he called it even having a little bit more conviction about when it's time to shoot," Curry said. "Just a little seed he planted. ... He was very timely with those words of wisdom." Curry scored an NBA season-high 50 points with nine 3-pointers, 10 assists and seven rebounds, almost single-handedly leading the Warriors past the Hawks 127-113 on Monday night in San Francisco. Oh, yes, Curry sure wanted that 50-spot. And if he wasn't counting, his teammates were committed to getting him there. "It's always nice," he said. "You never come out with like a certain number in mind. It's just when you get it going, you just keep going." Curry, 33, notched his 10th career 50-point game and already had 24 points on 7-for-12 shooting by halftime with five 3-pointers. The Warriors improved to an NBA-best 9-2.

NYC spotlight too bright for some?



Mets President Sandy Alderson says the biggest impediment in the club's dragging search for a general manager isn't his presence nor owner Steve Cohen, but the spotlight created by the New York market. "I think it's mostly about New York," he said Tuesday. "It's a big stage and some people would just prefer to be elsewhere." Alderson, above, said the team is considering several candidates for its vacancy, but he doesn't have any interviews lined up during baseball's GM meetings this week in Southern California. He hopes to have some clarity by the end of the week but didn't want to set a deadline for the ongoing search. "I don't want to give you a timeline," he said. "We've already blown through what most people would say is a reasonable timeline." The Mets fired acting GM Zack Scott on Nov. 1, two months after he was arrested on charges of drunken driving. Scott was promoted to the role in January when Jared Porter was fired after fewer than 40 days on the job following revelations he sent sexually explicit texts and images to a female reporter in 2016 while working for the Cubs. —AP



Drew Timme, a preseason All-American, returns and hopes to lead top-ranked Gonzaga to its first national championship. **YOUNG KWAK/AP**

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Something to cheer about

Fans back in the stands, season opens with plenty of promise

By John Marshall
Associated Press

Talk about buildup for a season. College basketball had March Madness wiped out and no national champion because of the pandemic in 2020. Last season was mostly played without fans and the NCAA Tournament was in a bubble. Well, the doors are open this season and the arenas will be packed. The fans will love it and the players will, too. And it should be an incredible ride to the Final Four in New Orleans with so many great teams, veteran players with extra eligibility and another crop of elite freshmen.

Top teams

Gonzaga: The top-ranked Zags came up a game short of their first national title last year and will be among the favorites to get back there this season.
UCLA: Nearly everyone is back from the Bruins' 2021 Final Four run. Don't be surprised if they get there again — and maybe win it.
Kansas: An early loss in the NCAA Tournament caused Bill Self to tear down his roster and rebuild. The replacements — top-tier transfers and star freshmen — have the Jayhawks eyeing a much deeper run.
Villanova: Master tactician Jay Wright is about due for another championship. He has the type of roster to pull it off.
Texas: Chris Beard wasted no time in loading up his first roster in Austin with talented veteran players. Those missed NCAA Tournaments and early exits could be a thing of the past.

Star players

Drew Timme (Gonzaga): The crafty big man and his 'stache decided to come back. We're all beneficiaries.
Johnny Juzang (UCLA): Wow, what a star turn he took at the NCAA Tournament. It'll be fun to see what's next for the high-scoring guard.
Kofi Cockburn (Illinois): The 7-foot, 285-pound big man is back after looking at the NBA. Good luck to anyone who tries to get in his way.
Collin Gillespie (Villanova): The heady point guard's knee injury derailed the Wildcats' season last spring. His return puts them among the title favorites.
Trace Jackson-Davis (Indiana): The junior forward led the Hoosiers in scoring, rebounds and blocked shots last year. He could lead them back to the NCAA Tournament this year.

Mid-major monsters

Memphis: Penny Hardaway has assembled quite the collection of talent in Memphis. Ending an eight-year NCAA Tournament drought could be just around the corner.
Houston: Kelvin Sampson put the Cougars back on the national map with last year's impressive run in the NCAA Tournament. With Sampson at the helm, don't expect them to fall off anytime soon.
St. Bonaventure: The Bonnies are loaded for a deep March Madness run.
Richmond: A foursome of super seniors could end up producing a super season of the Spider.
Xavier: Good perimeter shooting and talented big man Zach Freemantle should be enough to prove last year's letdown was merely a blip.

Fabulous freshmen

Chet Holmgren (Gonzaga): The term unicorn gets overused. This 7-foot, 195-pound, shot-blocking, outside-shooting, ball-handling Zag may just be one.
Paolo Banchero (Duke): The 6-10, 250-pound forward has been projected to be the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft. College basketball fans are about to see why.
Emoni Bates (Memphis): The sharp shooter can get buckets in bunches.
Patrick Baldwin, Jr. (Milwaukee): The skilled 6-9 forward spurred Kentucky and Duke to play for his dad at Milwaukee. He has the skills to match any player.
Kennedy Chandler (Tennessee): Want someone to run an offense? There may not be anyone better than the speedy, heady 6-footer.

New coaches

Chris Beard (Texas): The defensive guru took Texas Tech to the Final Four and is already turning heads in Austin.
Tommy Lloyd (Arizona): Mark Few's long-time right-hand man at Gonzaga gets his first shot at leading a program. He has the roster and the chops to have an immediate impact.
Hubert Davis (North Carolina): The former Tar Heels player and assistant takes over for Roy Williams. It should be a seamless transition.
Shaka Smart (Marquette): He wasn't able to lead Texas to an NCAA Tournament victory. Back home in Wisconsin, Smart is hoping to conjure up some of the same magic he had at VCU.
Craig Smith (Utah): The former Utah State coach moved 80 miles south in hopes of building something special in Salt Lake City.

CFP RANKINGS

Moving up: Ohio State joins top 4

By Matt Murschel
Orlando Sentinel

Georgia (9-0) remained in the top spot for the second week in a row in the latest College Football Playoff rankings released Tuesday night. The Bulldogs, who already clinched the SEC East, travel to Knoxville to play Tennessee on Saturday. Alabama (8-1) also remained unchanged at No. 2 despite struggling in a win against LSU. Oregon (8-1) moved up a spot to No. 3 after Michigan State's (8-1) loss to Purdue. The Ducks won their fourth straight game, beating Washington 26-16. Ohio State (8-1) also moved up to No. 4 after beating Nebraska. It was the seventh straight win for the Buckeyes, who remain behind Oregon because of their loss to the 35-28 loss to the Ducks on Sept. 11. Cincinnati (9-0) couldn't crack the top four, despite knocking off Tulsa 28-20. The Bearcats needed a late goal-line stand to hold off the Golden Hurricane. Michigan (8-1) and Michigan State (8-1) rounded out the top seven. This is the second of six weekly rankings released by the 13-member selection committee, with the final standings revealed Sunday, Dec. 5. Those rankings will determine the four semifinalists along with the teams taking part in the New Year's Six bowl games. The two semifinals, which rotate annually, will take place in Dallas at the Cotton Bowl and in Miami at the Orange Bowl on Friday, Dec. 31. The Peach (Dec. 30), Fiesta (Jan. 1), Rose (Jan. 1) and Sugar (Jan. 1) bowls host the rest of the New Year's Six games. If Cincinnati doesn't qualify for the semifinals, the Bearcats would be eligible to earn an automatic spot in one of the New Year's Six Access bowl games as the top-ranked conference champion from the Group of Five. The College Football Playoff national championship game is slated for Monday, Jan. 10 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. The selection committee is composed of chairman Gary Barta, Mitch Barnhart, Paola Boivin, Tom Burman, Charlie Cobb, Boo Corrigan, Rick George, Will Shields, Gene Taylor, Joe Taylor, John Urschel, Rod West and Tyrone Willingham.




CFP rankings (Tuesday)

Rank team	Record
1. Georgia	9-0
2. Alabama	8-1
3. Oregon	8-1
4. Ohio State	8-1
5. Cincinnati	9-0
6. Michigan	8-1
7. Michigan State	8-1
8. Oklahoma	9-0
9. Notre Dame	8-1
10. Oklahoma State	8-1
11. Texas A&M	7-2
12. Wake Forest	8-1
13. Baylor	7-2
14. BYU	8-2
15. Mississippi	7-2
16. NC State	7-2
17. Auburn	6-3
18. Wisconsin	6-3
19. Purdue	6-3
20. Iowa	7-2
21. Pittsburgh	7-2
22. San Diego State	8-1
23. UTSA	9-0
24. Utah	6-3
25. Arkansas	6-3

The playoff semifinals match the No. 1 seed vs. the No. 4 seed, and No. 2 will face No. 3. The semifinals will be hosted at the Cotton Bowl and Orange Bowl on December 31. The championship game will be played on January 10, 2022 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

WEATHER

WEDNESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Becoming mostly sunny and pleasant. Winds northwest at 5 to 10 mph.

HIGH 62°
LOW 32°

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Thickening afternoon cloudiness, seasonable. Showers are possible late at night.

HIGH 56°
LOW 46°

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly cloudy with periods of rain, some downpours are possible, breezy.

HIGH 63°
LOW 40°

SATURDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny, breezy and seasonable.

HIGH 56°
LOW 34°

SUNDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and cooler.

HIGH 51°
LOW 34°

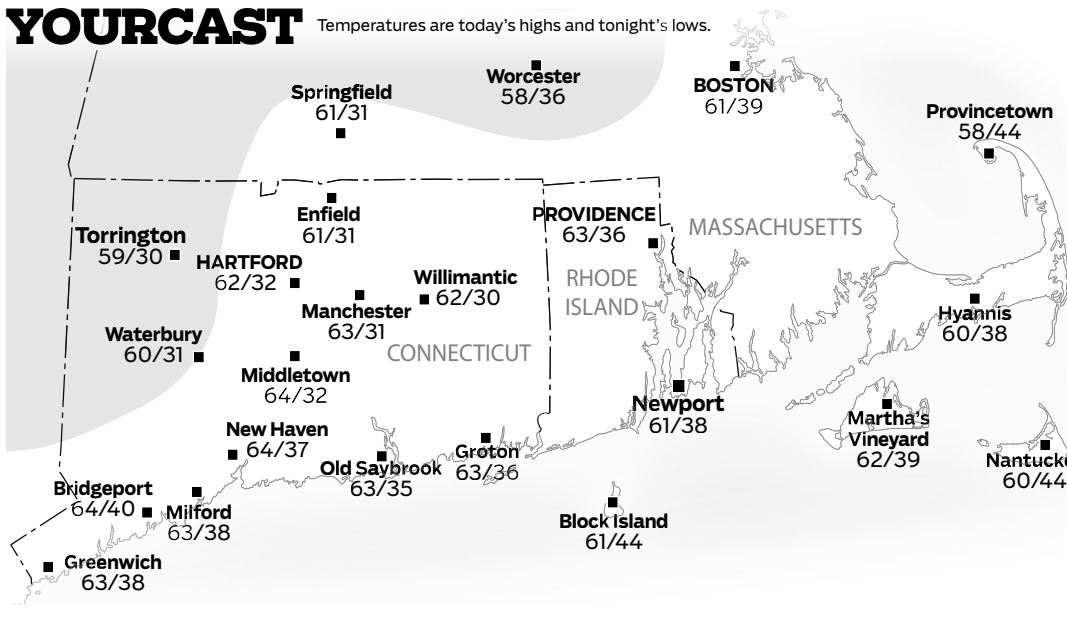
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YOURCAST



OUTLOOK

Roman Payne, a novelist and poet, wrote, "O, Sunshine! The most precious gold to be found on earth." Anyone that had the opportunity to spend time outdoors on Tuesday can completely relate to his correlation. While a weak frontal system will be crossing Connecticut early Wednesday morning with a partly to mostly cloudy sky, it won't be long before that precious gold returns to the sky. High temperatures shouldn't be quite as unseasonably mild as Tuesday was, but they will still be remaining comfortably above normal.

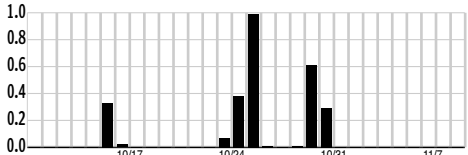
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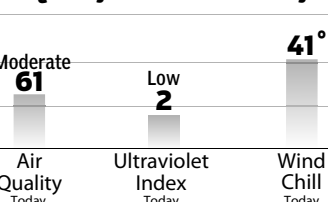
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.11
Month to date	0.00	1.01
Total this year	50.04	40.47

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

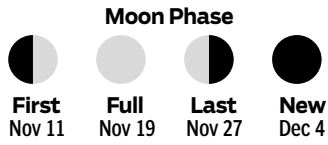
30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:34 a.m.	6:35 a.m.
Sunset	4:36 p.m.	4:34 p.m.
Moonrise	12:49 p.m.	1:26 p.m.
Moonset	10:17 p.m.	11:29 p.m.



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	1:20 a.m. 1:47 p.m.	7:46 a.m. 8:37 p.m.	55°
Saybrook Jetty	2:31 a.m. 2:58 p.m.	8:39 a.m. 9:30 p.m.	54°
Connecticut River at Portland	5:14 a.m. 5:41 p.m.	12:15 a.m. 12:25 p.m.	
Madison	2:53 a.m. 3:13 p.m.	8:55 a.m. 9:40 p.m.	54°
New Haven	3:13 a.m. 3:33 p.m.	9:19 a.m. 10:04 p.m.	55°
Stamford	3:17 a.m. 3:37 p.m.	9:33 a.m. 10:18 p.m.	58°

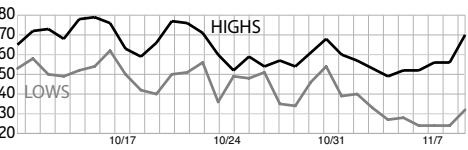
River Stage at Hartford: 5.19 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Weather	PCloudy	PCloudy	PCloudy
Wind	NW, 10-15	NW, 10-15	NW, 10-15
Seas	1 ft.	2-3 ft.	2-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Tuesday	70 at 2:30 p.m.	32 at 4:26 a.m.
Normal for date	54	35
Record for date	76 in 1975	19 in 2003
A year ago	74	36
Range this year	99	1

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - Nov 9	468	654	562

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.12 at 12 a.m.	29.99 at 3 a.m.
Dew point	32° at 12 a.m.	30° at 3 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor	52 31 PC
Burlington	55 31 PC
Caribou	47 29 PC
Concord	54 25 PC
Montpelier	53 27 PC
Mt. Wash.	28 16 PC
Portland	52 34 PC
Woods Hole	63 39 PC

NATION

Albany	59 29 S
Albuquerque	65 38 PC
Atlantic City	69 41 S

Baltimore	69 43 S
Bismarck	51 29 PC
Boise	50 37 PC
Buffalo	55 39 PC
Charleston	77 54 S
Cincinnati	64 50 PC
Cleveland	60 46 PC
Indianapolis	59 49 PC
Jacksonville	75 58 PC
Las Vegas	77 55 S
Miami Beach	81 75 PC
Milwaukee	56 49 PC

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

WORLD

San Juan	87 76 PC
Tucson	79 50 S
Budapest	52 33 PC
Buenos Aires	77 63 C
Cairo	83 62 PC
Cancun	81 72 S
Dubai	90 75 S
Dublin	50 49 C
Edinburgh	51 44 PC
Helsinki	52 37 C
Hong Kong	75 64 PC
Istanbul	55 48 PC
Jerusalem	77 59 S
Johannesburg	84 55 T
Singapore	90 75 T

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

Tuesday's high school results
CIAC STATE TOURNAMENTS

BOYS SOCCER

Class **LL**—First Round
Upper Bracket
Glastonbury 5, Enfield 0
Simsbury 1, Newington 0
Cheshire 1, McMahon 0
Darrien 6, New Britain 0
Ridgefield 3, South Windsor 1
Norwalk 3, Trumbull 1 (OT)
Lower Bracket
Farmington 2, Southington 1
Goals: **F**—Isaac Coello (2); **S**—William Schroeder. **Saves:** **F**—Patrick Pietraszewski, 6; **S**—Ryan Lunn, 16. **Rec:** **F**—13-3-1; **S**—5-9-3.
Conard 1, West Haven 0
Staples 4, Manchester 0
Naugatuck 4, Hamden 0
Fairfield Warde 4, Westhill 0
Danbury 2, Newtown 1
Class **L**—First Round
Upper Bracket
Bristol Central 3, Wilton 1
Hand 2, Pomperaug 1
Wethersfield 6, Torrington 0
Guilford 3, Rockville 0
Masuk 1, RHAM 1 (Masuk wins in PKs, 3-2)
Woodstock Academy 1, Abbott Tech 1 (Woodstock wins in PKs, 3-2)
Notre Dame-West Haven 6, Bunnell 2
Lower Bracket
Windsor 2, Platt Tech 0
Goals: **W**—Justin Dawkins, Masin Doshi. **Saves:** **W**—Breon Parker, 2; **PT**—Emilio Contreras, 3. **Rec:** **W**—7-7-1; **PT**—12-4-2. **Note:** Windsor earned its first boys soccer tourney win since 2013.
Avon 3, Bassick 0
Goals: **A**—Nate Tiffany, Lincoln Freeman, Adrian Razuri. **Saves:** **A**—Buster Akers and Eli Diesenhof, 3; **B**—Jaheim Reid, 5. **Rec:** **A**—8-5-4; **B**—11-5-1.
E.O. Smith 2, Bethel 2 (E.O. Smith wins in PKs, 3-1)
Brookfield 3, Berlin 2
New London 4, Wilcox Tech 1
Fitch 7, University/Prince Tech 0
Class **M**—First Round
Upper Bracket
Ellington 3, Lewis Mills 1
Goals: **E**—Eric Thibert, Owen Hoffman, Ryan Cantin; **LM**—Charlie Joiner. **Saves:** **E**—JJ Takach, 5; **LM**—Ryan Mayes, 6. **Rec:** **E**—11-4-2; **LM**—7-6-4.
Granby 2, Seymour 1
Law 2, Cromwell 2 (Law wins in PKs, 13-11)
Ledyard 9, Haddam-Killingworth 1
Woodland 6, Windham Tech 1
Norwich Tech 2, Bullard-Havens 1
WCA 5, O'Brien Tech 1
Lower Bracket
Morgan 2, Wolcott 1
Goals: **M**—Tyler Mucha, Alex Gallardo; **W**—Justin Cordinale. **Saves:** **M**—Bailey Goss, 2; **W**—Samuel Berninger, 18. **Rec:** **M**—12-2-3; **W**—7-7-3.
Plainville 1, Rocky Hill 0
Suffield 2, Killingly 0
Bacon Academy 2, Foran 0
Barlow 11, Weaver 1
Stonington 2, Tolland 0
Weston 14, Goodwin Tech 0
Waterford 0, Northwestern 0 (Waterford wins in PKs, 5-3)
Class **S**—First Round
Upper Bracket
East Catholic 5, Litchfield 2
Goals: **EC**—Killian Boyle, Aiden Parizeau, Kevin Legger, Jack Kidney, Quin Potter; **L**—Harry Barnes, Cooper Laure. **Saves:** **EC**—AJ Bushnell, 4; **L**—JT Gostkowski and Ben Nordland, 8. **Rec:** **EC**—7-5-5; **L**—10-5-2. **Note:** Trent Sargent had 2 assists for East Catholic.
Canton 7, Classical 0
Goals: **CA**—Tommy Gibbons (2), Spencer Mix (2), London Abbott, Spencer Abbott, Ian Clark. **Saves:** **CA**—Jack Biskupiaki and Gavyn Munson, 2; **CL**—Josiah Perez, 22. **Rec:** **CA**—13-4; **CL**—6-9-2.
East Hampton 7, Innovation 0

Oxford 3, St. Paul 1
Immaculate 2, Montville 0
Lower Bracket
Coventry 4, Wheeler 1
Goals: **C**—Owen Dieterle, Steve Sisk, Stanley Strycharz, Brodie Byam; **W**—Jon Anderson. **Saves:** **C**—Justin Foran, 3; **W**—Matthew Ryan, 10. **Rec:** **C**—12-5; **W**—8-9.
Bolton 1, Shepaug 0 (2OT)
Goals: **B**—Dylan Bonanno. **Saves:** **B**—Adam Dube, 8; **S**—Philip Ostronsky, 6. **Rec:** **B**—9-6-2; **S**—10-6-1.
Somers 7, East Granby 1
Portland 3, Thomaston 1
Hale-Ray 1, St. Bernard 0
Valley Regional 5, Terryville 0

FIELD HOCKEY

Class **M**—First Round
Upper Bracket
Avon 4, Masuk 2
Goals: **A**—Kendall Neamtz (3), Olivia Brown; **M**—Molly Halliday, Isabel Viglione. **Saves:** **A**—Katrina Frez, 4; **M**—Valerie Vilca, 0. **Rec:** **A**—10-4-2-1; **M**—9-6-1-1.
Simsbury 1, Suffield 0
Pomperaug 2, Bethel 0
Guilford 7, New Milford 0
Lower Bracket
Hand 3, Branford 0
Goals: **H**—Natalia Nolan, Jordan Kells, Riley Kilbourn. **Saves:** **H**—Megan Hart, 5; **B**—Nina Shamas, 4. **Rec:** **H**—9-7; **B**—12-6.
Wethersfield 2, Brookfield 0
Goals: **W**—Sadie Ruiz (2). **Saves:** **W**—Julia Peacock, 7; **B**—Anushka Manohar, 10. **Rec:** **W**—16-1; **B**—7-10.
East Lyme 2, Fitch 0
Barlow 6, Waterford 0
Class **S**—First Round
Upper Bracket
Valley Regional 4, Wamogo 2
Granby 4, Watertown 0
Sacred Heart Academy 2, Lewis Mills 1 (OT)
North Branford 5, Immaculate 0
Lower Bracket
Old Saybrook 2, New Fairfield 1 (OT)
Stonington 2, Stafford 0
Lauralton Hall 1, Canton 0
Thomaston 2, Shepaug 0

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Class **S**—Second Round
Lower Bracket
Hale-Ray 3, Civic Leadership 0 (25-12, 25-19)
HR: Brooke Praskiewicz, 15 assists, Mia Carta, 13 digs; **CL:** Monica Alejandro-Diaz, 9 digs, 2 aces, 1 kill, Becca Eyres, 12 digs. **Rec:** **HR**—15-7; **CL**—13-6.

Wednesday's high school schedule
CIAC State Tournaments

GIRLS SOCCER

Class **LL**—Second Round, 2p.m. unless noted
Upper Bracket
No. 16 Farmington (8-4-5) at No. 1 Amity (13-1-2); No. 25 Darien (7-8-1) at No. 9 Staples (10-2-4); No. 13 Ridgefield (10-3-4) at No. 4 Newtown (12-3-1), 6p.m.; No. 12 Fairfield Warde (11-4-2) at No. 5 Newington (10-2-3)
Lower Bracket
No. 18 Plainfield (10-7) at No. 2 Maloney (13-1-2), 6p.m.; No. 10 Wilton (9-1-6) at No. 7 Manchester (11-2-4), 3:45p.m.; No. 14 Cheshire (10-5-1) at No. 3 Glastonbury (12-2-1); No. 11 New Canaan (10-3-3) at No. 6 Fairfield Ludlowe (11-3-2), 4p.m.
Class **L**—Second Round, 2p.m. unless noted
Upper Bracket
No. 16 Guilford (9-5-3) at No. 1 St. Joseph (15-0-1); No. 9 Pomperaug (10-3-4) at No. 8 Branford (11-3-3), 6p.m.; No. 20 Avon (9-6-2) at No. 4 Waterford (12-2-2), 4p.m.; No. 21 North Haven (8-9) at No. 5 Ledyard (10-2-4)
Lower Bracket
No. 15 Hand (10-4-3) at No. 2 East Lyme (14-2), 6p.m.; No. 26 Masuk (6-8-3) at No. 10 Simsbury (9-2-

6), 6:45p.m.; No. 19 Wethersfield (9-6-2) at No. 35 Suffield (13-3), 4p.m.; No. 11 Ellington (9-2-6) at No. 6 E.O. Smith (11-2-4), 5:30p.m.
Class **M**—Second Round, 2p.m. unless noted
Upper Bracket
No. 16 Lewis Mills (10-5-1) at No. 1 Nonnewaug (15-1); No. 5 Granby (13-4) at No. 8 Morgan (10-0-7), 6p.m.; No. 13 Plainfield (11-4-2) at No. 4 Mercey (13-2-2), 7p.m.; No. 12 Windham (12-5) at No. 5 Weston (12-1-4)
Lower Bracket
No. 15 Bacon Academy (10-4-3) at No. 2 Woodland (13-0-3); No. 10 Notre Dame-Fairfield (11-2-4) at No. 7 Sheehan (12-2-3), 4p.m.; No. 19 Rocky Hill (9-6-2) at No. 3 Sacred Heart Academy (13-0-3); No. 11 Watertown (12-5) at No. 6 Cromwell (11-0-6)
Class **S**—Second Round, 2p.m. unless noted
Upper Bracket
No. 171ylan Memorial (9-6-1) at No. 1 MLC (11-1-2); No. 24 Northwest Catholic (7-8-2) at No. 8 Housatonic (13-4); No. 20 Coventry (8-6-2) at No. 4 Windham Tech (13-3); No. 12 Coginchaug (10-3-2) at No. 5 Wolcott Tech (11-3)
Lower Bracket
No. 15 East Granby (8-4-5) at No. 2 Holy Cross (13-1-1); No. 10 Thomaston (12-4-1) at No. 7 Litchfield (13-3-1); No. 19 Old Saybrook (7-4-6) at No. 3 St. Bernard (12-2-1); No. 11 Old Lyme (10-2-5) at No. 6 Somers (12-3-1)

FIELD HOCKEY

Class **L**—First Round
Upper Bracket
No. 16 Norwalk (8-7-2) at No. 1 New Canaan (16-0), 4p.m.; No. 9 Newtown (11-4) at No. 8 Greenwich (12-3-0-1), 2p.m.; No. 13 Enfield (10-6) at No. 4 Cheshire (13-2-1), 5p.m.; No. 12 Conard (10-5-1) at No. 5 Glastonbury (12-1-2), 5:15p.m.
Lower Bracket
No. 15 Fairfield Ludlowe (8-7-0-1) at No. 2 Darien (15-1), 4p.m.; No. 10 Farmington (10-3-2-1) at No. 7 Ridgefield (12-3-1), 5p.m.; No. 14 Trumbull (8-6-2) at No. 3 Hall (14-0-2), 6p.m.; No. 11 Wilton (9-3-4) at No. 6 Staples (12-2-1), 2p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Class **M**—Second Round, 6p.m. unless noted
Upper Bracket
No. 16 Barlow (12-7) at No. 1 Weston (20-0); No. 9 Plainville (16-5) at No. 8 Woodland (16-5); No. 13 Ledyard (15-6) at No. 4 Kaynor Tech (17-3); No. 21 Waterford (11-10) at No. 5 Goodwin Tech (17-3), 5:30p.m.
Lower Bracket
No. 18 Sheehan (13-8) at No. 2 Seymour (18-0); No. 10 Branford (15-5) at No. 7 Haddam-Killingworth (16-4); No. 14 Mercy (13-6) at No. 3 Northwestern (16-2); No. 11 Bacon Academy (14-5) at No. 6 Prince Tech (17-3)
Class **S**—Second Round, 6p.m. unless noted
Upper Bracket
No. 16 Norwich Tech (12-9) at No. 1 Wolcott Tech (20-0), 4 p.m.; No. 9 Coginchaug (14-6) at No. 8 Coventry (15-6), 5:30p.m.; No. 20 Holy Cross (11-10) at No. 4 Aerospace (17-3), 4:30p.m.; No. 12 Griswold (13-7) at No. 5 Whitney Tech (13-4)
Lower Bracket
No. 18 Plainfield (10-8) at No. 2 Granby (19-1), 5:30p.m.; No. 10 Bolton (14-7) at No. 7 East Hampton (13-5); No. 19 East Catholic (11-10) at No. 3 Lylan Memorial (16-2)

Tuesday's college results

MEN'S BASKETBALL

UConn 99, Central 48
Wagner 77, Hartford 59
Yale 88, Vassar 42
Quinnipiac at Maryland, late
Sacred Heart at La Salle, late
Fairfield at Providence, late

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UMass 87, Central 50

Kingston 90 77 PC
Lisbon 68 52 PC
London 59 52 C
Madrid 57 39 C
Mexico City 74 49 S
Milan 55 48 R
Montreal 50 30 PC
Moscow 32 30 PC
Nassau 82 68 SH
New Delhi 81 61 PC
Paris 45 37 C
Prague 48 36 S
Rio de Janeiro 75 63 C
Rome 75 57 R
Seoul 45 34 C
Singapore 90 75 T

Wednesday's college schedule

FIELD HOCKEY

NCAA Div. III Tournament—First Round
Eastern at Bowdoin, 6p.m.
NCAA Div. I Tournament—Opening Round
Fairfield at Delaware, 1p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern at Yeshiva, 8p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Sacred Heart at Hartford, 7p.m.
Local college football schedules
UConn (1-8)
August 28: Fresno State 45, UConn 0
Sept. 4: Holy Cross 38, UConn 28
Sept. 11: Purdue 49, UConn 0
Sept. 18: Army 52, UConn 21
Sept. 25: Wyoming 24, UConn 22
Oct. 2: Vanderbilt 30, UConn 28
Oct. 9: UMass 27, UConn 13
Oct. 16: UConn 21, Yale 15
Oct. 22: Middle Tennessee 44, UConn 13
Nov. 13: at Clemson, noon
Nov. 20: at Central Florida, 4p.m.
Nov. 27: vs. Houston, noon
CENTRAL (3-6)
Sept. 3: Southern Conn. 28, Central 21
Sept. 11: Central 21, Wagner 19
Sept. 18: Southeastern Louisiana 56, Central 10
Sept. 25: Miami 69, Central 0
Oct. 9: Columbia 22, Central 20
Oct. 16: Sacred Heart 27, Central 17
Oct. 23: LIU 30, Central 13
Oct. 30: Central 49, Merrimack 21
Nov. 6: Central 30, Bryant 15
Nov. 13: at Duquesne, noon
Nov. 20: vs. St. Francis (Pa.), noon
TRINITY (7-1)
Sept. 18: Trinity 42, Tufts 28
Sept. 25: Trinity 38, Bowdoin 14
Oct. 2: Trinity 28, Middlebury 0
Oct. 9: Trinity 34, Hamilton 7
Oct. 16: Trinity 45, Colby 7
Oct. 23: Trinity 35, Bates 12
Oct. 30: Williams 42, Trinity 3
Nov. 6: Trinity 49, Amherst 7
Nov. 13: at Wesleyan, noon
WESLEYAN (6-2)
Sept. 18: Wesleyan 21, Colby 5
Sept. 25: Wesleyan 30, Hamilton 14
Oct. 2: Wesleyan 27, Bates 24
Oct. 9: Wesleyan 38, Bowdoin 35
Oct. 16: Wesleyan 36, Tufts 35
Oct. 23: Wesleyan 24, Middlebury 0
Oct. 30: Amherst 16, Wesleyan 14 (4OT)
Nov. 6: Williams 25, Wesleyan 0
Nov. 13: vs. Trinity, noon
YALE (5-3)
Sept. 18: Holy Cross 20, Yale 17
Sept. 25: Yale 23, Cornell 17
Oct. 2: Yale 34, Lehigh 0
Oct. 9: Dartmouth 24, Yale 17
Oct. 16: UConn 21, Yale 15
Oct. 23: Yale 42, Penn 28
Oct. 30: Yale 37, Columbia 30
Nov. 6: Yale 63, Brown 38
Nov. 13: at Princeton, 1p.m.
Nov. 20: vs. Harvard, noon
SACRED HEART (6-3)
Sept. 4: Sacred Heart 21, Bucknell 0
Sept. 11: Bryant 17, Sacred Heart 6
Sept. 18: Sacred Heart 21, Morgan State 7
Sept. 25: Dartmouth 41, Sacred Heart 3
Oct. 2: Howard 22, Sacred Heart 17
Oct. 9: Sacred Heart 20, Merrimack 10
Oct. 16: Sacred Heart 27, Central 17
Oct. 23: Sacred Heart 31, Duquesne 13
Nov. 6: Sacred Heart 14, St. Francis (Pa.) 13
Nov. 13: vs. Wagner, noon
Nov. 20: at LIU, 1p.m.

BRUINS 3, SENATORS 2

